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BRISBANE NSL FEAR

BY GREG RUSSELL

CONCERN is mounting in Queensland's two NSL clubs that they will be squeezed out of the national competition by their southern counterparts.

Rumours and stories have abounded, and although all have been emphatically denied by NSL officials, some Brisbane City, Lions and indeed Queensland Soccer Federation executive members remain sceptical.

The belief in Queensland is that

while City and Lions officials are told their interests are being considered, some Southern officials seem to regard the two Queensland sides as mere pawns to be discarded the moment it becomes difficult to place them.

To be pushed out of the National League would be

catastrophic for Brisbane City and Lions, especially in terms of their stadium investments and chances of retaining their players.

City in particular have spent more than \$1 million on the Spencer Park complex and have long-term sponsorship contracts which specifi-

cally relate to playing in the national competition.

Queensland's representative on the National League, Guido Canale, went to great lengths this week to deny the anti-NSL stories circulating.

"City and Lions have strong allies in Sydney. The two clubs are foundation members of the League and have always been loyal and fulfilled their commitments," Mr Canale said.

"If any clubs are planning to get rid of the Queensland sides, they will not get very far."

But some still remain unconvinced and are expecting Lions and City to be back in the local competition next year.

The most popular story in Brisbane is that the Sydney clubs will re-form a State League and City and Lions will be left like the proverbial shags on a rock.

League change tipped

But Mr Canale again denies the rumours.

"For those clubs that want to be in the National League, there will be a National League," he said.

Mr Canale said suggestions that City and Lions be drafted into the Sydney-based Australian Conference were "very much under consideration."

But to include the Queensland teams in the Australian Conference, two present sides would have to go — and two replacements would have to be found in the Melbourne-based National Conference.

But circumstances could fall favourably for the NSL. The financial position of at least two Australian Conference teams is such that there is speculation already they will not want to play in the NSL.



ALAN DAVIDSON

FOREST MAY BID FOR DAVIDSON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ALAN DAVIDSON, Australia's ball-playing right-back, is under scrutiny by England First Division side Nottingham Forest.

"He is the ideal player we are looking for to possibly replace Viv Anderson if he leaves Nottingham Forest," assistant manager Ron Fenton told me.

Forest, in Australia recently for the World Soccer Series, were more than impressed by Davidson's outstanding displays for Australia.

Fenton said Davidson

would prove more than an asset in Nottingham Forest's line-up for the next English season.

"Alan is the type of attacking defender we are always looking out for. He has qualities I like," Fenton said.

"He has almost everything... skills, courage, and above all

tenacity. He won't let go. He keeps coming at you all the time, bustling you and getting stuck in. Great determination."

"It appears more than likely that we could lose Anderson to an Italian or Spanish club, as he is chasing big money."

"Davidson could very easily fit into the

Forest team right now and we would like to sign him up."

"Davidson in fact is a better defender than Viv, as he never forgets his priorities. He does not neglect the fact that he is a defender first and contributes to the attack second."

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Two weeks ago, David Ratcliffe and Peter Raskopoulos were Soccerroo teammates. They met up as opponents in Sunday's NSL match between St George and Sydney Olympic, with Ratcliffe (left) moving in to tackle Raskopoulos.

EDITORIAL

IT was inevitable, of course, that the visit to Australia of so many European clubs for the World Series would generate interest by those foreign clubs in local talent.

Apart from the occasional departure of outstanding players like Joe Marston, Craig Johnston and David Mitchell — have there been ANY others? — Australian Soccer has been mercifully spared the attention of overseas talent scouts.

Not any more.

As playing standards in this country improve and the conveyor belt delivers an ever-increasing flow of good young players to senior clubs, Australia is bound to become a target for foreign clubs.

Nobody should have been surprised when Frank Farina attracted some attention from Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni ... the youngster's Italian ancestry plus his undoubted skill made him a natural for future export to Italy.

Then Iraklis, impressed by John Kosmina's performances against

them, wanted to spirit the Soccerroo skipper to Greece.

And it is no secret that Alan Davidson, probably the best player in the Australian side, is right on top of Arsenal's shopping list, indeed the London club is constantly striving to obtain a work permit for him.

We have not heard of any bids by foreign clubs for Australia "B" goalkeeper Anthony Franken but these will surely come if he keeps up his excellent form and rapid rate of improvement.

Before quitting Sydney Olympic for his ill-fated flirtation with Preston North End, Tommy Docherty described Australia as "one of the few nations in the world where Soccer talent can still be picked up dirt cheap."

Evidently Nottingham Forest share The Doc's feelings. Forest would like to take Robbie Slater to England, but only if he is released without any transfer fee.

Slater may not be a world-beater, but youngsters of similar ability playing for England's lesser teams would certainly not be free to join Nottingham Forest without payment of a

nominal sum ... say \$50,000.

All this interest in Australian Soccer players is flattering but if it means key performers are to be lost to the game here, it will turn out to be nothing short of a disaster.

Sure, Mitchell, Davidson and the others can have a clause in their contracts guaranteeing their release to play for the Soccerroos, but to be realistic, that is only a scrap of paper.

Imagine Mitchell, restored to Rangers first team, earning big money and demanding a month off at the height of the Scottish season. Be sure the blunt-talking Jock Wallace would not be delighted at the prospect.

Come to think of it Mitchell himself, though desperately keen to represent Australia, would have to think twice about putting his full-time professional career in jeopardy for the honour and glory of playing for the Soccerroos.

So what can be done to keep Australian talent in Australia?

Very little, if anything.

It has been said that the Australian Soccer Federation has the power to refuse a clearance for any player — but the

problem will not be solved by wielding the big stick.

This is not a communist country. If a player wants to play for a big European team and be handsomely paid for so doing, it would be wrong to try to chain him to Australia.

There is one solution though hardly feasible in the immediate future.

Soccer in Australia will have to match the rewards players can pick up in Europe.

In other words, make the game a full-time profession. This is not an outlandish proposition, but it will cost a lot of money.

How many clubs in the National Soccer League have that sort of money to toss around?

Right now the answer would have to be none.

In the future — maybe.

But in the meantime we must keep our fingers crossed that the genuine talent now filtering into Australia's clubs is kept a secret from the likes of Manchester United, Juventus, Real Madrid and our old friend Tommy Docherty who is now boss of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Come to think of it, perhaps we should cross our toes as well!

SPAIN SUNK BY PLATINI GOAL

BY DAVID JACK

ONE of the softest goals of the season gave France the European Championship when they beat Spain 2 - 0 in the final at the packed Parc des Princes in Paris.

Forget France's second goal, which arrived in the closing minutes of an interesting match.

It was their first goal, scored by captain Michel Platini in the 57th minute, which shattered all the Spanish hopes and ambitions.

Platini took a free kick just outside the penalty box and bent his shot around the Spanish defensive wall. The shot, however, was well covered by Spain's highly-rated goalkeeper Luis Arconada, who watched it coming and appeared to safely gather the ball in his arms.

Then tragedy struck. The ball spun out of Arconada's hands and crept ever so slowly over the goal line to the anguish of Spain and the delight of France.

And that is how the Frenchmen won the 1984 European crown.

Bruno Bellone's second goal, which arrived very late while Spain was throwing men forward desperately seeking an equaliser, was merely the icing on the cake.

It was in the mid-field that the Frenchmen really won the game. Not, this time, because of the highly-rated Platini and

Giresse but through the magnificent performance of the black wizard Jean Tigana.

At times the match became over-robust, inspiring Czech referee Vojtech Christov to make some strange decisions.

He sent off France's Yvon Le Roux five minutes before the end but that was too late for the Spaniards to cash in on the French handicap of a 10-man team.

Over the whole match,

there is little doubt that France deserved to win. There was not much in it, but they usually looked a more capable and composed side than Spain.

The real story of the final, however, was that crazy Platini goal.

It should not have been scored against a goalkeeper who has been rated the best in the world.

In fairness to Arconada, the ball was probably spinning and this



How does Michel Platini, the French midfielder playing with Italy's Juventus, celebrate France's European Championship victory? With a plate of spaghetti ... naturally!

took it out of his arms. One thing is certain... Spaniards and

Frenchmen will talk about that free kick for many years and will

either shed tears or express delight over it!



JEAN TIGANA



The moment of anguish for Luis Arconada as his fingers search in vain for the ball that got away! Note the despair and joy of other players in the picture.

MIKE DENTON tackled in a match for St George



MIKE DENTON IS A HIT IN TASMANIA

BY 'VAN DIEMAN'

WHATEVER happened to Mike Denton? That's a question asked by supporters of Sydney's St George club.

ASW has the answer. Denton (now 39), the former prolific goalscorer with Saints and Australia, was a visitor to "Attack Sports" intrastate primary Soccer carnival in Hobart.

Denton is coach of the North-Western regional under 10 side, as well as coach of Tasmania's Northern State League club, Burnie United.

He still plays the occasional senior game but only when absolutely necessary as injuries are now a frequent problem for him.

Denton arrived in Tasmania in late 1972 because his wife was Tasmanian and they decided it was a nice place in which to live.

He immediately set the league alight with his goalscoring feats. Indeed, his ability to snatch goals almost at will became legendary and his mere presence on the field struck fear into the hearts of opposing teams for a number of years.

Denton represented Australia 15 times. He won four full international caps, against Greece, Iran, Israel and Mexico.

Born in Winchester in England, Denton spent two years with Ipswich Town as a full-time professional before migrating to Australia where he joined St George, coached by the present national team coach, Frank Arok.

"Arok is the best coach I've ever played under," Denton said.

"I sat up and cheered when he was given the Australian job. That man is every inch a professional and he's a nice guy with it. He's a players' coach as far as I'm concerned."

Denton is committed to junior Soccer and has strong views about the direction the game

should take in Tasmania.

"As a qualified coach, I'm more interested in junior Soccer and in trying to raise the standard of the juniors. I think that's where Tasmania has to look. If we're going to import people from other States, I think they should be qualified coaches and they've got to lift the standard of the juniors."

"We've got to get more good coaches and then work from the bottom and build a firm foundation. A piece of paper doesn't make you a good

coach."

Denton has the English FA Prelim Badge but hasn't been able to attend an Australian full-badge course, something he would love to do.

"When you're married, with three kids, it's difficult to find the time and money to go to the mainland to get the ASF badge," he said. "I've played under people like Frank Arok and Rale Rasic, and I've played with people like Atti Abonyi and John Warren, and if you can't learn

from people like that, you're not going to learn at all."

Denton does miss the mainland, the centre of action of top Australian Soccer. But he keeps in touch with his many friends in Sydney and Melbourne and they keep him informed of what is going on.

Hopefully, Denton's under 10 team realise just how lucky they are to have one of the greats of Australian Soccer looking after them, a man who is prepared to put a lot back into the game.

ROOS ON TV FROM CHINA

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to beam the Australia - China matches in November back to Australia.

The internationals will be covered by the 0/28 Network, and the tour will be under the sponsorship of Ampol Petroleum Ltd.

Australian Soccer Federation executive director Brian Emery will visit China shortly to finalise the matches, television cover and contract arrangements.

The tour was agreed by Prime Minister Bob Hawke with the Chinese Government, and newly-appointed Australian Ambassador Dennis Argall is fully briefed on the proposal.

China is pressing for four matches instead of the original three.

They want two games instead of one in Peking, and one each in Shanghai and Canton.

Classy

China had a win over Australia in Singapore which will not be easy to avenge as they are now a classy side.

Recently they lost narrowly 0-1 to Nacional of Brazil.

The Australians will be in China from November 1/11 before moving on for the balance of their overseas tour.

The Socceroos' performances against strong overseas clubs and better international contacts are both designed to reap their reward.

The balance of the

tour programme will be finalised by ASF commercial director Peter Sheehan in Europe and America shortly.

Internationals are being planned for Yugoslavia, Greece, England and the Republic of Ireland.

The final touches are likely to include matches against Iraklis, Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest and one or two leading Italian clubs.

OGDEN OUT

UNDER-RATED Brisbane Lions midfielder John Ogden has been playing with a double hernia.

The 24-year-old underwent an operation last week and will miss the remainder of the season.

Hopefully for Ogden this latest injury setback will prove to be his last.

The talented midfielder seemingly has been dogged by injury since he stamped himself as an outstanding prospect more than five years ago.

Although a gutsy player, his frail frame has made him susceptible to leg and back injuries.

Up until his latest misfortune, Ogden was having a good run and his consistent form earlier in the year earned him a place in the Queensland squad for the match against New South Wales.



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
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CLUB — COUNTRY BALANCE

THE tired display by Sydney Olympic in its game against Leichhardt immediately after the World Soccer Series highlights a danger to the game here.

This danger is further highlighted by the poor attendances at many grounds on the same weekend.

Champions St George had only 750 spectators against Blacktown, South Melbourne only 3,000 against another Greek-supported team, West Adelaide.

These were typical of the below-average crowds, when some people would have been looking for an increase in crowds following on from the success of the Soccerroos in the international games.

All of these are danger signals ... stating that we must not allow commitments to swamp out club Soccer.

Contrary to some opinion, the strength of a country's Soccer does not lie in its national team.

A country's Soccer strength is built at the grass-roots level and is measured by the strength of its professional clubs.

The professional clubs are what nourish and sustain the national team.

There has to be a balance between national team and club interests.

The achievement of the very good Rale Rasic Australian team which took us to Germany for the 1974 World Cup did not produce huge waves of enthusiasm for the game here in Australia.

The game just kept on growing at grass-roots level as it has done for the past two decades.

So officialdom did not "take advantage" of the World Cup success.

But what does "take advantage" really mean? What were they supposed to do?

In fact, they did what all other countries usually do after appearing in the World Cup — they just went ahead with their competitions, junior and senior, and the 1974 World Cup became a memory.

That is how life is, especially today in our hurrying and changing world. Past things, even momentous things

very quickly recede in to dim recollections.

In 1973-74, I lived with the effect of national team commitments on the minds of players. I coached St George and we had eight players in the national team squad.

Les Scheinflug had a similar situation at Marconi a few years later, just as Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer found with his players Marshall Soper, Jim Patikas, Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos in their game against Leic-



BY MIKE JOHNSON



JIMMY PATIKAS (right) in action for Australia "B" in the World Soccer Series against Nottingham Forest

hardt, where physical tiredness or reduced motivation played their part.

Soccer in Australia desperately needs its best players to give of their very best all of the time in club matches.

The public has shown it is not overly entranced with the entertainment value being offered at club games.

Great gaps in the season to play friendly internationals against some teams which are not playing flat out, may be good for our players' experience and status and of value to Frank Arok, but are of much less value to the Soccer spectator who follows a club.

The game is all about satisfying the paying spectator at club level. Otherwise the game dies.

Club versus country is a contentious issue in many nations.

The media, who have a powerful say, obviously seek national team success. It brings them the same increased status and chance to

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travel that it affords the players.

Nevertheless, balance has to be kept.

The unsuccessful stand by the clubs against permitting their players to take part in the international series without various safeguards, indicates that they think the balance has swung too much the way of the national team.

THE GAME NEEDS SOMETHING NEW

THE tours here by top teams from England, Scotland, Italy and Greece gave the Australian Soccer fans a wonderful opportunity to compare the different styles, tactics and plans favoured in the various countries.

While many people seem to imagine there is little difference between the type of Soccer played at the top level by most teams, I do not agree.

Tracing the history of the game, England gave the world the rules and regulations and the early star teams and, unfortunately, they gave us, more recently sickening spectator violence.

If England were the pioneers, the first innovators, let us not forget what Hungary produced in the early 1950's.

Hungary's bequest to the sport came in the shape of startling tactical changes which were carried out by brilliant performers like Puskas, Kocsis, Hidegkuti and Bozsik.

Brazil, another of the all-time great Soccer nations, had all of this, plus flamboyance. And a man called Pele.

Not to be left out, Holland, previously a na-

CROATIA WANT VEST

ALAN VEST, the newly-appointed NSW director of coaching, could be in the centre of a wrangle between the NSW Soccer Federation and NSL club Sydney Croatia.

Croatia, in the relegation zone, urgently require Vest's services.

At this stage, injured captain Bruno Vidacic is coaching the team.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Mick Jones resigned in May, three weeks after replacing Atti Abonyi.

Vest, the former Newcastle KB United and West Adelaide coach, was at the club's match against Marconi on

Sunday and witnessed a disorganised Croatia struggle in defeat.

When I questioned Vest about the Croatia offer, he said:

"I cannot comment really. Croatia has a definite need, but I'm contracted to the NSW Soccer Federation."

NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine, on being made aware of Croatia's intentions for Vest, said:

"All I can say at this moment is that Alan Vest has been retained by us on a full-time basis as director of coaching to this State. Croatia's approach for Vest has not been officially brought to our notice."

"But the enormity of Vest's task as State director is so vast, I cannot see him having the time to spare to be involved with the needs of an NSL club."



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

Cup in Spain in 1982.

Players like Junior, Falcao, Zico and Socrates, the captain, were ideal purveyors of total football.

Brazil did not win but they produced more outstanding football than any other team in Spain and it could be said they were beaten only by bad luck plus their own overconfidence.

Sadly, Holland did not

even qualify for Spain '82. So in one decade, it appears we have seen the rise and fall of Dutch football!

Looking ahead, it is obvious Soccer badly needs another new plan to take it out of its international doldrums.

Defences are too strong for forwards. Is there anyone in the world who can remedy that sad state of affairs?

Will some coaching genius come up with something to follow 4-3-3, total football, Brazilian flamboyance, or Hungarian pure skills? I hope so.

If this cannot be done, the only way to get more goals and more entertainment into the sport would be to juggle around with the rules — perhaps making the goals bigger, the pitches smaller, or as one joker suggested, doing away with goalkeepers!

It's an interesting thought. But frankly, it does not appeal to me.

SYDNEY CROATIA WRITE TO ASW ABOUT ROZIC

THE following letter has been sent to Australian Soccer Weekly by the Sydney Croatia club.

We print it without comment.

ON June 5, 1984 the Yugoslav authorities stopped Vedran Rozic, player and the team captain of Hajduk-Split from leaving the country. The only reason given to Rozic was: "Croatia-Sydney is an extremist club and as such is undesirable for the citizens of Yugoslavia".

In view of this Croatia-Sydney wishes to present a STATEMENT OF FACTS.

After successful negotiations, agreement was reached with Vedran Rozic to play for Sydney-Croatia as from 1-6-1984. The club was able to obtain temporary residence status for him in Australia and the Australian Embassy in Belgrade was directed by the Australian Immigration Department to issue an entry visa.

The ASF obtained clearance for the player from the Yugoslav Soccer authorities on the basis of which both the player and the club signed an agreement that was to be mutually beneficial to both sides. During these negotiations, numerous expenses were met by the club, such as telephone calls to Yugoslavia, application fee for residence and return air fares were paid for Rozic, his wife and three children. The time lost on his project has amounted to hundreds of working hours.

The Yugoslavian media was reporting his departure. Rozic spoke on Australian radio direct from Split expressing his delight in having the opportunity to come to Australia.

There were no secrets, no special deals. Croatian people resi-

dent in their homeland were pleased to see one of their idols help another Croatian club to reach the heights of its competition.

During the farewell match for Rozic between Hajduk-Dinamo in Zagreb over 50,000 spectators packed the stadium to wish Rozic good luck in Australia.

Rozic had an agreement with Hajduk-Split by which he was a free player as from 30-5-1984 and free to choose any club in the world, recognised by the world controlling body, FIFA. On the basis of that agreement, Yugoslav Soccer authorities issued clearance to the Australian Soccer Federation as early as April of this year.

Rozic had his bags packed ready to go, had said goodbye to his relatives and many friends when suddenly, one day prior to departure, he was told that he could not go, with no regard for the rules governing the greatest of all sports,

or for the hard-working people who manage it.

This calls for further explanation and declaration of facts governing the existence of Croatia-Sydney SFC.

The club was formed over 25 years ago during which time various factions tried to impose their views on the club, yet in all these years, it remained an independent free body serving the need of the Croatian people and Soccer loving people in general.

The object was to get together at the weekend, meet new friends and old while watching Soccer.

As the years progressed, the children of these men continued the work their fathers started and today some of them, along with some of the old ones, run this great club.

During these 25 years, the club has been subjected to all kinds of pressures, discriminations and prejudices but still survived in as

dignified a manner as possible!

The reason for this survival is clear. The sole purpose is now, as it has always been, providing the people of Croatian origin with a chance to participate in soccer sport as well as providing them with their Croatian identity!

Such purpose has provided us with many successes. Several Championships under our belt have assured the prominence of Croatia-Sydney.

The Vedran Rozic affair is proof that some people in the Yugoslav Government do not approve this Croatian prominence. There is no extremism of any kind identified with Croatia-Sydney SFC.

For the purpose of Soccer and Croatian identity we were formed and for the same purpose we still exist!

For Croatia-Sydney SFC
P. LUKUNIC,
Secretary.

FOREST MAY BID FOR DAVIDSON

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Davidson has already trialled with Arsenal, but had difficulty in obtaining a work permit in England.

"We would look into the matter and try to assist young Alan in this area," Fenton stated.

I conveyed Forest's interest to Davidson.

"That's fantastic. I'd love the chance to play for them," Davidson said.

"My contract with South Melbourne runs out at the end of this season and I have a transfer limit clause in my contract for my release."



PENRITH WIN WAR OF THE WEST!

BY BRAD EARL

"HOW the west was won!" That was the victorious cry of a Penrith supporter at Cook Park, as strikers Brian Jackson and Roy Cotton provided the goals for Penrith's 2-0 victory over Blacktown City.

The goals, both fine efforts, came in a second half in which the Panthers outplayed their western Sydney neighbours.

The first, in the 67th minute, resulted from a free-kick on the

right, with Dave McIntosh rising high to head the ball goalwards, and Jackson turning and volleying the ball in from five metres.

The second, in the 80th, saw midfielder Don Campbell play a tremend-

ous through-ball from inside his own half into the path of Cotton, who ran the ball into the penalty area and round Blacktown keeper Barry Hoare to sidefoot it home.

Penrith had other chances in the second half which they failed to put away, whereas Blacktown never really got a sniff at the other end.

Penrith coach Willie Wallace said he was pleased with Randell Easthorpe's contribution up-front when he came on for Ian Hunter, who received a back injury in the first half.

"I was also delighted with young David Hale, who had a top game at left-back, and Don Campbell played well again in midfield," Wallace said.

Blacktown City coach

Casey De Bruin is confident his team will maintain their position in the top half of the table — the highest position the club has achieved in three seasons in the NSL.

Good news for the Demons is that Socceroo Phil O'Connor is on his way back, playing his first game in Youth League on Sunday after a knee injury. Striker Clive Eaton and midfielder Brett Thornthwaite will also be available for selection next week.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Hale (Daley 85), Cross, McIntosh; Wotherspoon, Campbell, Fitzharris; Hunter (Easthorpe 45), Cotton, Jackson.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer; Quarby, Byrne, Selva; Sandy, Mountford, Larkin (Welbourne 72).

REFEREE: K. Small. **CROWD:** 1,807.



BRIAN JACKSON (dark shirt) ... Penrith scorer

CROATIA ON THE WAY UP

BY ROGER VERNON

MELBOURNE CROATIA continued their climb to the top with a convincing 3-0 win over Brunswick Juventus.

Seriously hampered by the absence of John Dowie and Joe Sweeney, Juventus lost their second consecutive match to slip from grace in the National Conference.

Croatia went ahead in the 17th minute through Jozo Antolovic who followed up a shot against the crossbar by David Brogan.

Brogan himself demolished the opposition with two goals, one in each half.

In the 31st minute Brogan doubled the margin in favour of his team rolling the ball past Juventus keeper Keogh who had committed himself by moving off his line to narrow Brogan's angle.

Brogan struck for the second time in the 71st minute when he found the net from a Gojevic pass.

Juventus coach John Margaritis said after the game: "The job is now ahead of my players. Our bubble has not burst as many people are saying. We have the talent and the determination to fightback."

Croatia's newly appointed coach Tony Vrzina praised his players for their performance and said: "Croatia will continue playing a leading role in the National Conference."

JUVENTUS: Keogh, Geremia, Swinscoe, Campbell, Drinowski, Rogers, Cullen, Lloyd, Minichello (Savassaglan 75), Ward, Zinni.

CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Deankovic, Hannah (Lewis 59), Antolovic, Markovac, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan (Campbell 75), Cumming.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge. **CROWD:** 2,000.

GOAL IS WORTH AIR FARE

BY TOM McKAIN

IMPORT Tommaso Talarico paid for his air fare with a brilliant goal to give his adopted club Adelaide City a 1-0 win over local rivals West Adelaide at Olympic Sports Field.

The bustling front-runner latched onto the ball from the left and blasted it past West goalkeeper Gary Sproul in the 10th minute.

City stepped up the ladder a place, but West dropped one position down.

Like Talarico, Nello Scarpa also looked good but played only in flashes in

midfield, while the third member of the guest trio, Graziano Tavoni, a 19-year-old forward, got only a brief run when he went on for Talarico who came off injured in the 71st minute.

It was not a classic match as both teams are struggling to make the top five and at times if looked as if City were

taking a chance trying to hold out as West poured everyone forward in an effort to grab an equaliser.

But, despite the efforts of George Konstandopoulos and Nick Malavazos up front, it was not to be.

West never got set for clear shots, and when the ball did beat the ruck of defenders City

keeper Willie McNally was there.

At the other end of the field, West custodian Sproul had to hold a Joe Mullen header, then block a shot from him, and another attempt from Talarico.

The only time McNally was extended was in the second half when Malavazos got in a header, only to see the goalkeeper save.

West applied pressure, but unlike City could never get a clear shot at goal

against a rock-like back-four.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecere, Tobin, Nyskohus, Melta, Scarpa, Villani, Talarico (Tavoni 71), Mullen, Gatenby, Shillabeer.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, McGregor, Atsalas, Mousoulis, McGachey, Honeyman, Manou, Panagis, Brown, Papadopoulos, Konstandopoulos, Malavazos.

REFEREE: D. Campbell. **CROWD:** 3,286.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
H'BERG	14	7	3	4	24	16	17	5	1	2	18	11	11	2	2	2	6	5	6		
STH MELB	14	7	2	5	20	12	16	3	2	2	10	5	8	4	0	3	10	7	8		
MEL CROATIA	14	6	4	4	21	20	16	4	2	1	10	5	10	2	2	3	11	15	6		
BRUNSWICK	14	7	1	6	18	25	15	4	1	2	10	9	9	3	0	4	8	16	6		
PRESTON	14	5	4	5	20	20	14	2	3	1	11	7	7	3	1	4	9	13	7		
FOOTSCRAY	15	5	3	6	16	16	13	2	1	4	7	8	5	3	2	3	9	8	8		
BRIS CITY	14	5	3	6	11	16	13	1	3	3	3	6	5	4	0	3	8	10	8		
AD. CITY	14	5	2	7	14	14	12	3	2	4	10	9	8	2	0	3	4	5	4		
WEST AD	14	5	2	7	22	23	12	4	0	3	17	7	8	1	2	4	5	16	4		
BRIS LIONS	14	4	4	6	17	20	12	2	3	3	11	13	7	2	1	3	6	7	5		
GR GULLY	14	3	4	7	13	20	10	2	2	3	10	11	6	1	2	4	3	9	4		
SUNSHINE	14	3	2	9	11	31	8	1	1	4	3	6	3	2	1	5	8	25	5		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
SYD CITY	14	10	3	1	38	9	23	4	1	0	18	3	9	6	2	1	20	6	14		
OLYMPIC	14	6	6	2	27	15	18	2	2	1	10	6		4	4	0	16	5	12		
LEICHHARDT	14	7	4	3	23	15	18	5	0	2	11	6	10	2	4	1	12	9	8		
PARRA MELITA	14	6	5	3	14	13	17	2	3	2	7	8	7	4	2	1	7	5	10		
MARCONI	14	7	2	5	31	19	16	6	0	2	19	8	12	1	2	3	12	11	4		
ST GEORGE	14	5	5	4	19	16	15	3	4	2	15	12	10	2	1	2	4	4	5		
BLACKTOWN	14	6	3	5	19	23	15	4	2	1	12	7	10	2	1	4	7	16	5		
CANBERRA	14	7	0	7	29	20	14	4	0	3	15	8	8	3	0	4	14	12	6		
PENRITH	14	5	4	5	20	23	14	4	1	2	13	15	9	1	3	3	7	8	5		
SYD CROATIA	14	4	4	6	16	24	12	0	1	4	3	12	1	4	3	2	13	12	11		
NEWCASTLE	15	5	1	9	17	31	11	4	1	2	10	10	9	1	0	7	7	21	2		
W'GONG	14	2	3	9	10	29	7	2	1	5	6	14	5	0	2	4	4	15	2		

RESULTS

GREEN GULLY 2 (Wade 2) SUNSHINE 3 (Latif 3) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.
 BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Vasquez, McDonagh) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1,200.
 ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Talarico) WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3,286.
 FOOTSCRAY 4 (Lacmanovic 2, Lujic 2) PRESTON 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3,500.
 MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Brogan 2, Antolovic) BRUNSWICK 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2,500.
 HEIDELBERG 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Murphy, Crino) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 8,000.

ST GEORGE 2 (Koczka, Batten) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Patikas, Theodorakopoulos) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4,655.
 PARRA MELITA 0 SYDNEY CITY 2 (Lee, Kosmina) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1,263.
 MARCONI 2 (Lowe, Brown) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2,424.
 CANBERRA 2 (Farina, Bryant) NEWCASTLE 1 (Todd) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 1,670.
 WOLLONGONG 0 LEICHHARDT 3 (Gray Caban, Bradley) at Towradgi Park. Crowd: 588.
 PENRITH 2 (Jackson, Cotton) BLACKTOWN 0 at Cook Park. Crowd: 1,807.

TOP SCORERS

15 Kosmina (SC)
 9 D. Lowe (M), D. Brown (SM), P. Katholos (SO)
 8 F. Farina (CA), C. Patterson (H), J. Bradley (L)
 7 J. Sweeney (BJ), S. Brandt (N), D. Marton (SG), G. Arnold (SC), G. Konstandopoulos (WA)





ROUND UP

SUPER SOCCER AT SAINTS STADIUM

SAYS TOM ANDERSON

ONE of the finest football spectacles seen in Sydney this season is the only way to describe the titanic 2-2 draw between St George and Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium.

It was action plus from start to finish, befitting two teams that last season won the NSL championship and the National Cup respectively.

In the after-match analysis, both sides would have rued the chances they let slip through their grasp.

But the end result was a fair one and indeed it would have been a great pity if either team had won after the commitment of the players.

The outstanding performance of the after-

noon was that of Saints' young midfielder Pedro Ricoy, who really came to the fore in this encounter.

Ricoy was set to contain Olympic midfielder Peter Katholos.

Young Pedro the fisherman not only landed the Olympic "big fish", he barbecued him and had him for tea as well!

It was an outstanding performance and one that augurs well for Saints' future.

But there were stars all over the field in this magnificent clash and Olympic's two

other midfielders, Peter Raskopoulos and Jim Patikas, had big games.

The goals were scored by Andy Koczka (16th minute), David Batten (64th) for Saints and Jim Patikas (53rd) and Nick Theodorakopoulos (82nd) for Olympic.

This was a great afternoon's entertainment and it's a pity it couldn't happen all the time.

ST GEORGE: Greedy;

Skeen, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, J. O'Shea; Ricoy, Barton, Stone; Slater, Koczka, Batten (Petkovski 80).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Lambropoulos, Phillips; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Theodorakopoulos, Soper (Kousas), Kalantzis.

REFEREE: R.Lorenc. CROWD: 4,655.



Sydney Olympic scorer Nick Theodorakopoulos shoots for goal under challenge from David Ratcliffe at St George Stadium

CROATIA NEED A SHEPHERD!

By JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI easily grabbed both NSL points when they defeated a "lost" Croatia 2-0 at Marconi Stadium in a not too exciting match.

Croatia, loaded with talent, played like a flock of lost sheep, desperately on the lookout for a shepherd to lead them to greener pastures.

Players of the calibre of Woods, Kovacic, Savor, Boden, Rezo, Arnold and Clinch, seemed to go through the match with no method, purpose or definite objectives in mind.

David Rezo, one of Croatia's most consistent and constructive midfielders, seemed chained down to defensive duties only, looking after Marconi's Tommy McCulloch in the first half.

One of the NSL's most skilful players, Kenny "Magic" Boden, was completely starved of ball-service in attack. Whenever a ball was knocked out his way, it was always well above his head for Marconi giants Steve Calderan and Tony Henderson to clean up easily.

Marconi didn't play all that much better either, but thanks to a dynamic performance by little striker David Lowe, capably supported by Mark Jankovics and goalkeeper Bruce James, Marconi did enough to win.

In fact as early as the 22nd minute, Croatia threatened to score through Boden, but fast action by Jankovics and finally James neutralised the danger.

Seven minutes later it was Lowe's turn to turn it on as he raced into the box to meet a Jankovics back header and score.

In the 32nd minute, Lowe busted down the right flank and with goalkeeper Steve Watson right out of his box, Lowe shot to hit the base of the post. The ball fell into the path of Rod Brown who finished off the chance... and Croatia.

Two minutes after the break, Croatia's

excellent Wally Savor crashed a shot against the post, with the rebound falling at Boden's feet.

Boden's first time shot was magnificently saved by Marconi's outstanding goalkeeper Bruce James, who was lying on the ground.

In the 65th minute, McCulloch skimmed the

Croatia crossbar with a hammering 15 metre drive and 12 minutes later, following a chipped free-kick by Jankovics, McCulloch was almost through again, but was denied a goal by a great tackle from centre-back Lee Sterrey.

MARCONI: James; Spanos, Calderan, Hen-

derson, Rizzotto; Mason, Jankovics, McCulloch; Sharne, Brown, Lowe.

CROATIA: Watson; Woods, Sterrey, Drinkwater, Tomasich; Rezo, Savor, Kovacic (Meades 67), Boden (Godzik 67); Clinch, Arnold.

REFEREE: D.Rennie.

CROWD: 2,424.



Young St George attacker Andy Koczka (left) pressures Olympic defender Mike Coady

SAME TEAMS IN SAME RESULT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MELITA's inability to get the ball in the net in the first half cost them dearly as Sydney City came streaming back to win 2-0 at Melita Stadium.

The result was an exact confirmation of the scoreline when the same teams met in the Intra Conference round the previous week.

The winning goals went to Grant Lee and John Kosmina, the latter scoring in the 90th minute from a brilliant curling shot.

Kosmina was hardly the darling of a section of the Melita crowds after conducting a verbal battle with some supporters before the game.

He was on the receiving end of some animated heckling during and after the game, and probably in the manner in which he netted his goal added to the heat.

Kosmina's shot clipped Bob McGinn's foot as it went through, but regardless of that it was a winner all the way.

Midway in the second half Grant Lee shot up the right and Chris Hummel could only touch his shot as it flew to the top right hand corner.

Hummel in all honesty

said afterwards that the ball would not have gone in had he not managed to knock it.

However in this his first game on loan from Canberra he did plenty of good work to justify his recruitment.

In the early stages John McKie, Ken Wilson and Stuart Johnston all went close to scoring for Melita and Tony Pezzano was kept extremely busy.

Throughout the game young Sydney City full-backs Ean Rodrigues and Jean-

Paul de Marigny showed they certainly have the potential to settle into the team.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: Hummel, McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Davies, Jamieson, Laing, McKie, Griffiths, Johnston (Duarte 63).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny, Lee, Watson, Barnes, Gomez, Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: G.Power. CROWD: 1,263.

LIONS WIN A POOR MATCH

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS, under new coach Gordon Arrowsmith, thwarted a Brisbane City gamble to field two unknowns in their derby at Richlands.

Lions, showing no effects of last week's shock resignation by Harry Noon, won a scrappy match 2-0 with goals from Roddy Vasquez and Jim McDonagh.

City, who lost captain Frank Pimblett through suspension, played striker Stephen Walsh and midfielder Tim O'Maye, who had been plucked by Joe Gilroy from the lowly Sunshine Coast competition only days before.

Walsh came with impressive credentials, having scored 17 goals in a match a month ago and seven in two games in the week preceding the derby.

But neither player was able to give City their much sought-after edge over Lions.

In fact, City have not beaten Lions in the past five NSL derbies.

City's last derby win was when they ran out 3-1 winners in the second round in 1982.

And the team never looked as if they would change that trend in this match.

Although not attractive to watch, Lions showed determination far in excess of City and by midway through the second half were consistently finding holes in the City defence as the visitors pushed forward.

City did have three chances cleared off the line, but did not deserve to win.

"It was the worst exhibition I have seen from a City side," Gilroy said. "How can a couple carry seven players?"

Arrowsmith, the Lions' Intermediate League coach who has been appointed caretaker NSL coach following Noon's departure, described the Lions' win as his "sweetest two points ever."

Noon, the former Ku-ring-gai coach, resigned last week claiming he had not been given a fair go and the board had finally got their way.

His decision came only 24 hours after the Lions board had told the players win and draw bonuses could not be paid until November 30, when the club hopes to get out of present financial difficulties.

It is understood Noon claimed to head back to Sydney, although he watched the derby from the grandstand. It is also rumoured Noon is considering legal action against Lions over a discrepancy in his termination pay.

Following Noon's resignation, one of his signings, John Charlton, took up a clause in his contract that allowed him to return to Hobart Juventus at any time. He left Lions last Friday to just beat the June 30 transfer deadline.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Vasquez, Hunter, Niven, R.Stewart, J.Stewart, Cairney, McDonagh, Junna, Daunt.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Mitovanovic, Liddell, Falco (Glockner 60), Swan, O'Maye (Scriggins 70), Walsh, Hamilton, Mengotti.

REFEREE: B.Monteverde. CROWD: 1,200.



CHARLIE MARCHES IN SPITEFUL MATCH

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE have renewed their bid for the 1984 National Conference title with a hard-fought 2-0 win over Heidelberg United at Olympic Village.

Souths started favourites against a depleted Heidelberg.

With Steve Winn and Scott Patterson serving the second week of their suspensions, and Steve Marley sidelined following a knee operation, things looked pretty grim for coach Brian Garvey.

His makeshift side far from disgraced themselves, especially after an incident reduced them to 10 men.

Referee Stuart Mellings sent Charlie Yankos off in the 17th minute for retaliation.

The loss of the key defender forced Heidelberg to pack their defence and rely on breakaways.

Souths broke the defensive wall after 39 minutes when Kenny Murphy tapped in a long throw in by team-mate Chris Kalafatis.

Oscar Crino netted the second goal right on half-time, blasting a rebound from a Murphy shot.

The second half was equally dramatic with players from both sides resorting to some spiteful tactics.

Referee Mellings incurred the wrath of Heidelberg supporters

for the second time when in the 55th minute he carelessly showed Davidson a red card for delaying the game, but then reversed his decision to a yellow card.

Souths persisted with their attacks and in the 78th minute Theo Selemidis cleared off the line a powerful shot from Murphy.

The dramatic encounter closed on a sour note for Doug Brown, who failed to beat Heidelberg's outstanding goalkeeper Jeff Olver from the penalty spot.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Gabrielson, McLeod, Yankos, Angele, Selemidis, Petersen, Valentine, Metaxas, Tzitzis.



OSCAR CRINO

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Kalafatis, Yzendoorn, Blair, David-

son, Crino, Halford, Brown, Egan, Murphy. **REFEREE:** S. Mellings. **CROWD:** 7,000.

OSSIE FIRES A HAT-TRICK

BY DAVID BECK

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS overcame the shock of an early goal to emerge 3-2 winners over Green Gully.

The win revived hopes in the George Cross camp for a recovery in the weeks to come.

While George Cross were celebrating, the defeat for Green Gully was their second in succession and appeared to have shattered the confidence of some key players.

George Cross secured the two points with a hat-trick by their forward Ossie Latif.

Green Gully opened the score in the 13th minute through Paul Wade. His goal awakened Sunshine who gradually overcame the shock and grabbed the equaliser in the 28th minute through Latif.

Two subsequent goals by Latif in the 63rd and 79th minutes put the result beyond doubt as Green Gully seemed to be losing their strength and determination to fight for the equaliser.

A late goal by Paul Wade reduced the lead but Sunshine George Cross hung on.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, McLelland, Cannell, Williams, Hogben, Wade, Smart (Mancinelli 74), Vassallo, Lewis, McGuinness, Carter.

GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Bain, O'Reilly, R. McLaren, Scerri, Jovanovic, Faulkner, D. McLaren, McGorian, Latif, Toal.

REFEREE: J. Fearn. **CROWD:** 1,500.



CHARLIE YANKOS (left) ... sent off



GOALKEEPER INJURY HITS ROSEBUDS

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS lost all hope of winning against Canberra Arrows when goalkeeper Steve Dorman was taken off with a suspected collarbone fracture after only 12 minutes at the Bruce Stadium.

Although full-back Neville Power, who took over in goal, performed like a hero, it was too much to expect that he would be able to keep out the home forwards.

Frank Farina put Arrows ahead in 23 minutes when a badly placed pass to Power fell short of its destination.

A quarter of an hour later, Steve Bryant added Canberra's second goal with the only reply for Newcastle a second half goal by Derek Todd.

Todd was sent off in the last minute.

Canberra's World Youth Championship full-back Roy Jones also was in the wars, collecting a suspected broken nose.

ROY JONES ...
injured



OLLERTON COPS HEAVY DEFEAT — AND STONED!

BY HARRY HALL

FOOTSCRAY produced the upset of the 14th round defeating Preston 4-0 at Schintler Reserve.

The win lifted Footscray to the middle of the table but swept aside the hopes of Preston to secure a permanent position in the top four.

The loss also placed a question mark over Peter Ollerton's future as coach at Preston.

Judging from the reaction of Preston supporters after the game, one can seriously think that Ollerton will be reconsidering his future with the club.

Ollerton was abused and had stones thrown at him after the game.

Meantime, Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic praised recent signing from Red Star, Dragon Lacmanovic, who scored two goals and kept on fighting for 90 minutes.

Lacmanovic opened the scoring when he capitalised on a mistake from goalie Steve Potter, when he dropped a diving header by Vlatko Belic.

Footscray dominated the game after the first

quarter and Lacmanovic was again on hand to tap in a cross by Zdravko Lujic.

Lujic himself netted the third goal in the 43rd minute, smashing home a clearance by Preston's defence.

Preston lost George McMillan in the 46th minute, who was sent off by referee Bernie Upjohn for constant infringement of the laws.

Footscray scored their fourth goal in the 79th minute to Lujic. The left winger broke clear of the defence and side-footed the ball into the net.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakoulas, Curovic, Belic, Karic, Carroll, Lacmanovic (Caban 73), O'Donnell, Lujic.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinas, Petrovski, Ilioski, McMillan, Heys, Cole, Lucchesi, Odzakov, Campbell.

REFEREE: B. Upjohn. **CROWD:** 4,000.

CARD GAMES UPSET FANS

BY PHIL MURPHY

REFEREE Arthur Owens had to be escorted to the dressing-room by police after Leichhardt beat Wollongong City 3-0 at Towradgi Park.

Irate Wollongong supporters abused Owens.

The referee handed out six yellow cards — all to Wollongong players — sent off Wolves striker Glenn Fontana, and allowed a Leichhardt goal when the scorer appeared to be offside.

It was a game Owens will want to forget because he continually stopped play when it might have been better to use the advantage rule.

Fontana received his marching orders for the second time this season 12 minutes into the second half, just after the visitors had scored their second goal.

He was dismissed for an

alleged foul on Kerry Caban after having previously been booked for dissent.

Leichhardt's second goal was something of a slow-motion farce, with Caban looking offside when he took a pass from John Bradley to score from two metres.

Ian Gray gave Leichhardt a great start when he hammered home a 20 metre free-kick after just four minutes.

The third goal was a high, curling 30 metre shot from Bradley which caught goalkeeper Natch Vardareff fractionally off his line.

Leichhardt players joined their Wollongong counterparts in criticising Owens after the game.

They said most of the cards were incurred through sheer frustration.

WOLLONGONG: Var-

dareff, Willis, Viji-
etstra, Hristovski,
Kerr, Fleming (Dickson
70), Green, Bundalo,
Fontana, Gaffney
(Kotamanidis 23), Beggs.

LEICHHARDT:
Parkes, Bozanic, Brown,
Bertogna, Pullen, But-
ter, Bradley, Gray,
Caban (Genovese 72),
Tredinnick (De Ceglie
69), Morsello.

REFEREE:
A. Owens.
CROWD: 588.

CHIT HAT



QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation officials were far from happy with a recent newspaper comment by Johnny Warren.

Warren, writing about former Cairns player Frank Farina — one of the discoveries of the international series — said:

"Farina owes very little to his home State. In fact, it was the Queensland Soccer Federation who nearly put the talented youngster out of the game earlier this year when it backed his junior club Mareeba in its demand of a \$20,000 transfer fee."

QSF officials point out that had it not been for the foresight of Mareeba in spending more than \$100,000 over three years in joining the State League, Farina could still be kicking a ball around the far north; it was Queensland funds which later paid for Farina's travel and accommodation from the north for State Youth training and later to the National Under 19 titles where he began his climb to the top.

It was QSF officials who ensured Farina understood the implications of his registration and transfer.

ALTHOUGH the National League tried to kill the World Soccer Series with its attempted withdrawal of players, NSL officials are loud in praise of what Australia achieved in the series.

Tony Labbozzetta, the NSL vice-chairman, was just one of many people who appreciated the Soccerroos' form, and he insists the NSL played a big part in that success.

"The series proved that Australia MUST have a National League if it is to have a strong national team," said Labbozzetta.

It could be pointed out, though, that there was also a strong national squad here in 1974... long before anyone thought about forming a National League!

THE comeback that wasn't.

That's the tale of former Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook, who started to train again with West Adelaide as back-up keeper for Gary Sproul.

But now the big blond custodian appears to have decided to continue his "rest" season, and won't be back until the start of next year.

ADELAIDE CITY coach Edmund Kreft is cracking down on players ordered off for dissent.

"He will feel it through his pocket," he said after midfielder Steve Maxwell was sent off for allegedly swearing at referee Jim Rossis during the match against Brisbane City.

"You can argue about a foul not being a foul, but verbally attacking the referee does nobody any good."

WHAT a difference a year makes. In 1983, the National League Cup made a handy profit of \$85,000 from 16 matches. This year, the profit is \$15,000 from 40 games.

It's not hard to discover why. The Cup games this year were run at the same time as the World Soccer Series and many teams fielded their reserve teams because of international calls on their top players.

Also media space and time was minimal with the Soccerroo activities grabbing all the attention.

That is why the National League wants a share of the World Series profits... assuming there ARE profits.

ALEX McPHERSON, one of Australia's under-rated goalkeepers, looked in sparkling form for Parramatta Melita before breaking his wrist against Sydney City.

This year McPherson has conceded 11 goals in 13 games. Not a bad record for the ex-State League player.

McPherson rates his replacement at Melita, Bill Londos, very highly.

"This chap is unbelievable. He trains very hard and is one of the best up-and-coming goalkeepers I have seen since I arrived in Australia," McPherson said.



Keeper Mike Gibson tips the ball over the top for Penrith under challenge from Sydney Croatia's Wally Savor

JOE CAIRNEY's hat-trick for Brisbane Lions against Sunshine-George Cross was the first scored by a Brisbane player in the NSL for nearly four years.

Barry Kelso was the last to net three in an NSL fixture when he scored a hat-trick in Brisbane City's 7-0 thrashing of Heidelberg at Perry Park on July 27, 1980.

After two unsuccessful seasons at City, Cairney appears to have refound his goalscoring touch at Lions and is relishing proving his critics wrong.

"I felt I got a raw deal at City. I was always happy there but I never seemed to get the breaks given to some of the other players. I always gave 100 per cent and did not think I played as badly as some people made out," Cairney said.

PENRITH CITY goalkeeper Mike Gibson is becoming quite adept at saving penalty kicks.

In the NSL Cup against Melita, Gibson saved Ray Farrugia's shot, which was placed low just inside the post.

Then against Marconi, Gibson knocked down David Lowe's well-struck kick, but Mark Jankovics raced in to score from the rebound.

Gibson, 21, has shown steady improvement in his NSL baptism this year.

REMEMBER you read this first in ASW! Leichhardt are ready to sign a talented player from Argentina.

His name is being kept secret until he actually arrives here and signs for the club.

The mystery man plays for the famous River Plate team.



DAVID LOWE takes on Jimmy Cant

SOME people thought Marconi's David Lowe was very unlucky not to play in the international series — and his team-mate Rod Brown is another who might have been given valuable international experience in the "B" squad.

Marconi boss Les Scheinflug believes both Lowe and Brown possess exceptional talent and, as Les said, "We already knew all about players like Charlie Egan and Gary Cole anyway."

ASW can reveal that national coach Frank Arok has thoughts about selecting Lowe — but not in his normal striking position. Arok fancies Lowe could be a more than useful midfielder.

PETER WILLIS is certainly getting a chance to prove his versatility with Wollongong City this season.

The former Leeds United apprentice is back at right-back where he started out with the club, but has been just about everywhere else.

Coach Adrian Alston put Willis in the midfield to add more aggression to this department; then later had him up front for the same purpose.

A real competitor on the field, Willis is a player who admits he hates to lose and obviously will play anywhere to help his team.

No wonder goalkeeper Natch Verdareff is a bit worried in case Alston throws the goalkeeper's jersey to Willis before the end of the season!

IT'S been a long a wait for West Adelaide, but it looks like being worth it.

A clearance for John Kritikos came through from Greece last week, and the tearaway striker crashed in two goals in his first game for the NSL reserve team in the SA State League.

Kritikos has been back in Adelaide since the end of last year, after a three-year stint in Greece where he played second division.

Now 24, he is looking fit and sharp after full training while waiting for his clearance, and it is expected coach Sam Salabasidis will draft him into the NSL squad this week.



Alex McPherson (right) saves for Melita

FOOTBALL LISTS

THE big-time atmosphere of the World Soccer Series may have gone, but the memory still lingers on.

It's not only the players and national coach Frank Arok and his coaching panel who are having trouble adjusting back to the domestic club scene.

BY TOM ANDERSON

My own situation was made rather worse this week when I was sent a book to review from the publishers Sidgwick and Jackson of London.

It's called "The Book of Football Lists" and was put to-

gether by famous England and Spurs striker Jimmy Greaves with the help of journalist Norman Giller.

It's enthralling reading and recalls all the big name players of English football and the top teams.

In his introduction, Greaves declares "This book is dangerous", as if you're a football fan you won't be able to put it down once you start glancing through it.

It lists everything

from the 10 greatest British players of Greaves' lifetime to the 10 greatest goals scored at Wembley.

Here are some snippets from what is a tremendous Soccer publication.

Greaves says that selecting one list, the 10 greatest players, cost him a night's sleep.

Which I suppose is entirely different from watching some games that send you to sleep!

Jimmy Greaves loses sleep over '10 Greatest Players'

The 10 greatest UK players of Greaves' lifetime:

1. George Best. 2. Raich Carter. 3. John Charles. 4. Duncan Edwards. 5. Tom Finney. 6. Denis Law. 7. Tommy Lawton. 8. Dave Mackay. 9. Stanley Matthews. 10. Bobby Moore.

Greaves states that he put these players in alphabetical order because there was no way he could separate them. Each was a genius in his own right.

However, he also stated that if a gun was held at his head he would select George Best as the greatest of them all.

The 10 Commandments for managers or coaches:

1. Always pick your best team.
2. Earn the respect of your players.
3. Convince your chairman you think he's the greatest.
4. Get to the ear of at least three influential media men.
5. Refer to your players as "us" in victory and "them" in defeat.
6. Keep supporters at arm's length (the longest possible arm).
7. Always wear a tracksuit when the TV cameras are around.
8. Be controversial (remember newspaper serialization fees).
9. Know when not to be in the press.
10. Start job-hunting when your chairman talks of his confidence in you.

The 10 Commandments for referees:

1. Don't be seen wearing glasses or a deaf aid.
2. Never be over-ruled by your linesmen.
3. Always befriend the captains — you may need them.
4. If in doubt, give it to the home side.
5. Think before you whistle.
6. Never admit your wrong.
7. Always wear strong elastic in your shorts.
8. Reconnoitre each ground for a back exit.
9. If the TV cameras are there, smile and keep up with play.
10. Make sure there are no witnesses when you tell players or managers what you think of them.

The Identikit of the perfect defender:

1. The tackling power of Norman Hunter.
2. The heading ability of John Charles.
3. The determination and tenacity of Nobby Stiles.
4. The composure of Bobby Moore.
5. The drive of Billy Wright.
6. The physical presence of Dave Mackay.
7. The recovery powers of Jim Armfield.
8. The poise and passing of Neil Franklin.
9. The attacking instincts of Terry Cooper.
10. The all-round ability of Duncan Edwards.



BOBBY CHARLTON displays his poise and balance in attack

The Identikit of the perfect striker:

1. The shooting power and accuracy of Peter Lorimer.
2. The ball control of George Best.
3. The heading ability of Tommy Lawton.
4. The penalty area reactions and reflexes of Denis Law.

5. The finishing instincts of Jimmy Greaves.
6. The physique of John Charles.
7. The change of pace of Stanley Matthews.
8. The passing precision of John Haynes.
9. The poise and balance of Bobby Charlton.
10. The heart and all-round ability of Tom Finney.

The 10 most used excuses in defeat:

1. The ref was diabolical.
2. The pitch was diabolical.
3. We didn't get the run of the ball.
4. He was yards offside.
5. We should have had a penalty.
6. The wind was against us.
7. They kicked anything that moved.
8. We've never had such a long injury list.
9. The crowd didn't get behind us.
10. They watered the bloody pitch.

The 10 best "Players' Players":

(One hundred current British professionals were asked to name the current players they most admire.)

1. Kenny Dalglish. 2. Bryan Robson. 3. Kevin Keegan. 4. Glenn Hoddle. 5. Trevor Brooking. 6. Peter Shilton. 7. Graeme Souness. 8. Trevor Francis. 9. Mark Lawrenson. 10. Ray Clemence.



TREVOR FRANCIS ... rated eighth

The book also lists some of the greatest goals scored at Wembley described by the men who scored them.

BOBBY CHARLTON for England v Mexico (1966 World Cup): "I collected the ball just in our own half and set off on a run with the intention of eventually passing it to either Roger Hunt or Jimmy Greaves, who were both making diagonal runs ahead of me. The Mexican defenders scurried to cover Roger and Jimmy and a path opened for me down the middle. I was about 30 yards out in an inside-right position when I let fly with a right foot shot, and the ball crashed into the far corner of the net. It was particularly satisfying because it was England's first goal in the finals."

FERENC PUSKAS for Hungary v England (1953 international): "It is a goal English people always talk about whenever I come to England. I was put through on the right-hand side of the England penalty area and sensed that Billy Wright was about to challenge me. I checked and dragged the ball back with the sole of my left boot and then, as Billy slid past me, shot with my left foot all in the same movement. The ball beat goalkeeper Gil Merrick at the near post. I was very proud of that moment because it was against a team I admired and on a ground that I had always wanted to play on."

RICKY VILLA for Spurs v Manchester City (1981 FA Cup Final replay): "Tony Galvin passed the ball inside to me from out on the left wing. I ran across the face of the Manchester City goal beating one, two and then three defenders. My idea was to pass the ball but then I saw a gap and so I shot low into the net with the goalkeeper sitting on his backside. It was a goal of a lifetime for me."



RICKY VILLA with the 1981 FA Cup

'COUNTRY LAD' IS STAR

BY BRAD EARL

WHAT does a young country player do if his ambition is to succeed in Soccer?

The answer: he travels.

In the case of Paul Foster of Lismore, travelling takes up a lot of valuable time which many teenagers would forsake to concentrate on school studies.

For Foster, 16, the time involved in travelling in his pursuit of football honours has its price... and that is the effect on his schoolwork.

He admits he has fallen behind in his Year 11 studies, and realises the importance of attaining the Higher School Certificate.

Yet he is a young player who has made a big impression at youth level in Australian Soccer.

He came to Sydney last week as a member of the North Coast regional team for the Combined High Schools State Carnival.

The striker went home with the title "Outstanding Player of the Carnival", having helped his side to third place ahead of more fancied Sydney regions.

That was a big achievement for a team in which some players, from various towns in Northern NSW, met each other for the first time prior to the opening game.

Foster came to notice last year as a member of the Kadina High School team that reached the final of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

"Of the team that played in that final, I'm one of only two surviving members this year," Foster said.

After playing in the Cup final at St George Stadium, Foster returned to Sydney to train under St George NSL coach Frank Arok at

the Pacific Soccer Camp.

"He said that if I ever decide to go anywhere, to see him first," Foster said.

Paul isn't the only talented footballer in the Foster family. Brother Craig, 14, played for Australia in last year's Under 15 Oceania tournament in New Zealand.

"That wasn't bad for a country lad," Paul joked.

Like Craig, the progress of "country lad" Paul Foster will be watched closely by NSL clubs.



North Coast's Paul Foster (left) challenges a Liverpool defender



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MET EAST'S DOUBLE

By David Jellings

STRIKER Scott Watson was aided by Mike Grbevski when Metropolitan East scored with five minutes remaining to defeat North Sydney 1-0 and retain their NSW Combined High School Championship title.

Grbevski rounded North's goalkeeper Nick Conradi and picked out Watson, who turned to drive the ball home.

Metropolitan East deserved their win as they were dominant in the second half.

The North Coast team, with players drawn from Lismore down to Kempsey and Wauchope, gave Metropolitan East a great semi-final fight before going down on penalties after the game had been scoreless.

North Sydney reached the final with a 1-0 victory over South Coast. All 10 Educational regions participated in the series, which produced some encouraging results from country teams.

North Coast defeated Liverpool 2-1 and Western NSW led Metropolitan East twice before showing that they were a little naive in defence to ultimately lose 2-5.

In fact, Riverina only went down 1-2 to the ultimate winners.

The final placings were: 1. Metropolitan East, 2. North Sydney, 3. North Coast, 4. South Coast, 5. Liverpool, 6. Western NSW, 7. Hunter, 8. Metropolitan West, 9. Riverina, 10. North West.

Paul Foster, the striker from Kadina High School at Lismore, was nominated "Outstanding Player of the Carnival".

Thanks go to Blacktown City Soccer Club for their assistance with the carnival arrangements.



NSW TEAM SELECTED

THE NSW CHS team to tour New Zealand and play in the Australian Schools Championship in Tasmania.

Goalkeepers: Nick Conradi (North Sydney), David Curley (South Coast), Paul Foster (Kadina High School, Lismore).

Defenders: Mike Grbevski (Metropolitan East), Paul Foster (Kadina High School, Lismore), Paul Foster (Kadina High School, Lismore).

Forwards: Paul Foster (Kadina High School, Lismore), Paul Foster (Kadina High School, Lismore), Paul Foster (Kadina High School, Lismore).



1. A Met West player (centre) rides a tackle from a Western NSW defender.

2. Met East's Billy Barakat gets away from a grounded Riverina player.

3. Action from the Met West v Western game, with the Western player at right.

4. A South Coast player takes on Met East's No 2.

5. Saved — this CHS goalkeeper climbs high to touch the ball over the bar.

6. South Coast goalkeeper David Curley flies out to block a Met East shot.

7. A South Coast player (left) under challenge from a Met East representative.

PHOTOS BY
DAVID JELLINGS

VALERI'S LATE
EQUALISER

WALTER Valeri was the hero in Inter-Monaro's 1-1 draw against an improving Ku-ring-gai at Parklands Oval.

Ku-ring-gai, who have gone without defeat in their last six outings, held onto a slender 1-0 lead until the 87th minute.

Valeri, who had created enough opportunities to score earlier in the game, followed through his initial shot which was

blocked in the crowded goalmouth to head past Ku-ring-gai goalie Andrew Prentice.

Ku-ring-gai had opened the scoring in the 71st minute.

Alan Bourke, who was creative in the mid-field against his old club, drove a low free-kick which was met by Leigh Watson and he gave the Monaro keeper no chance.

On a sour note, Ku-ring-gai defender Terry Bertram was rushed to hospital after the game after being knocked unconscious three minutes from full-time.

This weekend Ku-ring-gai face Manly away at Cromer Park and are out to avenge their first round 3-0 loss against the Seaside.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bennett, Jesse, Bertram (N. Williamson 87), Watson, Quigley (Harper 86), Bourke, Dene, Tracey, Bass, Jeffrey.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovich, Williams, Ambrosino, Francis (Brennan 46), Willox, Colbertaldo (Montarosso 83), Santolin, Farrell, Valeri.



WALTER VALERI

ROCKDALE
ON TOP

ROCKDALE moved into first position on the ladder with a 2-1 win over last placed Yugal at Fraser Park.

Rockdale had their backs to the wall in the first half.

In the 24th minute Yugal opened the score. A communication breakdown between Rockdale goalie Nick Kotschambous and teammate Billy Pilovski saw the latter head the ball into his own goal.

Rockdale's first half performance wasn't up to their usual standard. As coach Iliya Takacs said: "I was disappointed with our first half effort."

In the second half Rockdale pushed forward at every chance.

In the 62nd minute substitute Trajanovski levelled the score with his first touch of the ball following a corner kick.

Seven minutes later Ross Brown sealed the issue for the visitors scoring from the penalty spot after Terry Jones had been fouled.

ROCKDALE Kotschambous, Degney, D. Wilson, Pilovski, G. Wilson, Nastevski, Yousuph (Trajanovski 60), Slavski, Karanfilovski, Brown (Ristevski 80), Jones.

STEVE BLACKBURN

POLONIA V BANKSTOWN

POLICE were called to Chopin Park after a spectator brawl during the second half of the Polonia and Bankstown game.

Missiles were hurled at the Bankstown goalkeeper which triggered the fighting among spectators.

This was the only "real action" of the afternoon as both teams had to be content with sharing the points with a scoreless draw.

Bankstown, led by a strong performance from defender Steve Blackburn, created the better chances but were denied by poor finishing and good goalkeeping from Polonia's Ian Barker.

Polonia's best chance came in the 34th minute. Nowak busted clear of the Bankstown defence but Blackburn was quick to cover and pull off a timely tackle.

POLONIA: Barker, Pratt, Jordan, Fogarty, Galas, Nowak, Lumsdaine (Van Der Berg), Juchniewicz, Kowalczyk, Sobczyk, Devani (Anderson).

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kennedy, Agostino, Blackburn, Cootes, Dolton, Hassan, Genc (Meerhani 66), Pavella, Hasnic (El Hussieni 25), Apanian.

CANTERBURY V W'GAH
CANTERBURY-Marrickville returned to the winning trail with a convincing 1-0 win over Warringah-Narrabeen away at the Narrabeen Fitness Camp.

Canterbury coach John Xipolitis, disappointed with the team's previous effort against Polonia, was impressed with this result.

"The team played very well today," he said.

"The first half was very even but during the second half we created a few good chances."

"Although Dounnis scored he also hit the post twice," Xipolitis concluded.

Ten minutes after the break Dounnis broke the deadlock with a fine solo effort after breaking from the halfway-line.

On the other hand, Warringah coach John Wignall was disgusted with the commitment from some of his players.

"A lot of our experienced players let us down," he said.

"I thought we would have the character to pull us through in the second half but credit to Canterbury, they wanted to win more than

SUTHERLAND V MANLY

ALTHOUGH there were no goals, the top-of-the-table clash between Sutherland and Manly provided the spectators with top-class entertainment.

In drawing, Manly slip one point behind leaders Rockdale but still have a game to play against lowly-placed Warringah-Narrabeen.

Both goalkeepers — Paul Dart (Sutherland) and Chris Cassettari (Manly) — were in fine form thwarting many dangerous attacks in a confident and polished manner.

The opening passages were dominated by Manly. An attempt at the Sutherland goal after eight minutes bounced off the post and fell straight into Dart's hands.

This didn't deter the home side and they forced their way back into the game — particularly in the second half.

Sutherland's best chance to break the deadlock fell for experienced striker Nigel Groome in the second half. His open attempt from six metres out sailed over the Manly crossbar.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Nelson, Schuman, Dal Forno, Webber, Rogers, Harrington, Groome, Gray, Connor (Hargaves 74).

MANLY: Cassettari, Pagano, Williamson, Doyle, Dick, Jones, Steven, McBreen, Stuart, Holloway, Leak (Lynch 88).

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

PRESENTS

TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1

Saturday 7th July:

Rockdale Ilinden v Auburn Uruguay

Hurstville Oval

Sunday 8th July:

Manly Warringah v Ku-ring-gai

Cromer Park

Avala v Sutherland Shire

Knight Park

Cant.-M'ville Oly. v SSC Yugal

Arlington Oval

Inter Monaro v Polonia

Marco Polo Oval

Bankstown National v Warringah N'been

Jensen Park

DIVISION 2

Saturday 7th July:

Belmore v Artarmon

Blick Oval

Penrith United v Wollongong Mac

Cook Park

Sunday 8th July:

Wollongong United v Nth Bankstown

J. J. Kelly Park

Penrith United v Gladesville Hornsby

Cook Park

Bathurst '75 v Dee Why Swans

Proctor Park

Blacktown v Fairy Meadow

Francis Park

University of NSW v Revesby Workers

Little Bay Oval

NEXT WEEK

Saturday 14th July

Polonia v Manly

Chopin Park

Warringah-N'been v Inter-Monaro

N'been Fitness Camp

Sunday 15th July

Ku-ring-gai v Avala

Parklands Oval

Sutherland v Auburn

Seymour Shaw Pk

Yugal v Bankstown National

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Canterbury-Marrickville v Rockdale

Arlington Oval

Warringah v Manly

N'been Fitness Camp

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Potts Park

Artarmon v Bathurst '75

Artarmon Reserve

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Gladesville Hby v W'gong Mac

Pioneer Park

Dee Why v Blacktown Utd

Cromer Park

Fairy Meadow v Uni of NSW

Cornwall Mem Pk

Revesby Workers v Parramatta City

Milperra Reserve

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION			Fairfield Kiev v Wenty Waralaha 2-2 0-4		
Ku-ring-gai v Inter Monaro	1-1 2-0				
Sutherland Shire v Manly Warringah	0-0 1-2 0-1				
Auburn Uruguay v Avala	0-0 2-2 2-2				
Polonia v Bankstown National	0-0 1-2 0-1				
Warringah N'been v Cant.-M'ville Oly	0-1 1-0 1-2				
SSC Yugal v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2 0-5 2-1				
2nd DIVISION			2nd DIVISION		
Nth Bankstown v Penrith Utd	2-2 4-1 2-3		Tras Sports v West Utd	1-2 2-0	
Artarmon v W'gong Mac	0-5 5-2 9-1		West St George v Chelsea	2-2 0-1	
Parramatta City v Uni of NSW	6-1 3-1 3-2		H'bury Dist v Chile Sports	0-2 0-2	
Dee Why Swans v Belmore	1-0 4-0 1-0		Green Valley Utd v Concordia	1-2 0-2	
Fairy Meadow v Bathurst '75	5-1 2-0 0-1		Macquarie Utd v Sydney Maccaabi	1-1 6-0	
Revesby W'rs v Blacktown Utd	1-1 1-1 0-3		Macarthur Utd v Pagewood	0-1 0-2	
3rd DIVISION			3rd DIVISION		
Lane Cove Utd v Bondi Marine	1-3 0-7		Robins v Rosebery	0-2 0-3	
Queens Park E/S v Mt Druitt Town	8-0 2-1 1-2		Rangers Hayduk v Chulifora	5-3 5-1	
Nth Ryde Amateur v Baulkham Hills	0-1 3-0 0-3		Dulwich Hill v H'field B/O's	1-2 3-1	
C'belltown City v Kingsford	2-0 3-1 3-0		Smithfield H/S v Nepean Rovers	0-1 2-1	
King Tomisav v Port Hacking	3-0 2-0 3-3		B'own Wends v M F Rings	4-2 0-0	
CSI-Schofields v M'bank L'pool	2-1 1-0 2-4				
INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION			4th DIVISION		
Maroubra Utd v Eastwood S/A	1-4 0-5		L'gow Workmens v Castle Hill	3-3 0-0	
Sydney Uni v Rooty Hill	0-1 3-1		Concord Juniors v Lansvale Utd	1-2 3-0	
Spanish Club v Padstow Park	2-1 2-0		Welcome Sports v Jeddinstvo Utd	2-0 4-3	
H'ville Zagreb v C'belltown G'ns	2-0 3-1		Hellas Poseidon v Argent Ld/Utd	didn't play	
Nineveh Eagles v Wetherill Park	0-1 2-2		L'pool Rangers v B'own W'rs	2-2 1-1	
5th DIVISION			5th DIVISION		
Sans Souci v Santiago Wends	3-1 5-2		L'ham Croatia v Mace Yagoona	1-4 1-4	
L'ham Croatia v Mace Yagoona	1-4 1-4		F'field Athletic v P'sham Lusitanos	4-3 2-0	
St Mary's RSL v Greensland	0-6 1-3				
Abruzzi v Calabria	1-1 0-2				

NSW
TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Rockdale	14	8	4	2	28	14	20
Monaro	14	7	5	2	43	21	19
Manly	13	7	5	1	26	8	19
Auburn	14	6	6	2	14	11	18
S'land	14	6	5	3	22	12	17
C-M'le	14	5	5	4	18	21	15
K'gal	14	4	5	5	19	24	13
Polonia	14	3	5	6	13	19	11
Avala	14	3	5	6	20	31	11
Warringah	13	3	2	8	15	27	8
B'k'town	14	2	4	8	12	31	6
Yugal	14	1	5	8	14	23	7

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gal	14	8	3	2	30	10	21
Manly	13	8	3	2	36	14	20
C-M'le	14	9	2	3	29	17	20
S'land	14	8	3	3	37	17	19
Rockdale	14	7	3	4	33	20	17
Auburn	14	5	5	4	23	21	15
B'k'town	14	7	1	6	24	23	14
Warringah	13	6	2	5	18	20	15
Avala	14	2	4	8	13	28	8
Polonia	14	1	4	9	12	32	6
Monaro	14	3	0	11	15	37	5
Yugal	14	2	2	10	6	39	6

DIV 1 - GDE 3

Polonia	12	10	0	2	37	12	20
C-M'le	13	9	2	2	28	13	20
S'land	12	7	3	2	32	17	17
Manly	12	8	1	3	24	13	15
Auburn	12	7	1	4	27	16	15
Bankstown	13	5	2	6	18	19	12
Yugal	12	5	0	7	15	31	10
Warringah	12	3	2	7	18	25	8
Rockdale	14	3	0	9	15	30	8
Avala	13	2	1	10	23	33	5
K'gal	12	2	0	10	8	36	4

DIV 2 - GDE 1

F Meadow	13	12	0	1	35	10	24
Dee Why	13	8	4	1	36	11	20
Bathurst	13	8	3	2	30	13	19
W'gong M	12	7	4	1	25	9	18
B'own U	14	6	4	4	31	17	16
N'Bank	13	6	3	4	28	20	15
Glad Hby	13	6	2	5	21	13	14
Rev W'ks	12	4	3	5	18	15	11
Pen Utd	13	3	2	8	18	35	8
Para C	14	3	1	10	24	46	7
Artarmon	14	2	3	9	23	45	7
Belmore	13	1	4	8	9	31	6
NSW Uni	13	2	1	10	11	43	5

DIV 2 - GDE 2

Blktwn U	14	11	2	1	52	8	24
Dee Why	13	8	2	2	36	12	20
Nth Bktwn	13	8	2	3	26	17	18
Glad Hby	13	6	3	4	24	15	15
Rev W'ks	12	5	4	3	21	14	14
F Meadow	13	5	3	5	23	16	13
Artarmon	14	6	1	7	28	38	13
W'gong M	12	4	3	5	24	25	11
Pen Utd	13	5	1	7	25	35	11
Belmore	13	4	1	8	17	31	9
Para City	14	2	4	8	21	35	8
Bathurst	13	4	0	9	10	33	8
NSW Uni	13	3	0	10	8	32	6

NSW DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	13	11	1	1	49	3	23
Blktwn U	14	9	5	0	28	7	24
Pen Utd	13	9	1	3	30	18	19
Bathurst	13	8	0	5	28	18	16
Glades Hby	13	6	3	4	26	9	15
Norths	13	6	2	5	24	18	14
Dee Why	13	5	3	5	20	35	13
Artarmon	14	4	4	8	29	30	12
Unl of NSW	13	4	3	8	19	18	11
Parrs C	14	4	1	9	16	26	9
Fairly M	13	1	6	6	13	22	8
Wronks M	12	2	1	9	8	41	5
Rfngs M	12	1	0	11	7	52	2

WOONONA - KEIRA IN COAST FINAL

WOONONA HIGH and Keira High, the top school teams on the South Coast, have qualified for this year's regional final of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Keira reached the final by outgunning a young Queanbeyan side 8-0.

Keira's David Kaynak scored a hat-trick, with Icano Danzo adding two and Daklan Kabokoz completing the scoring for Keira. Stuart Kavas finished a miserable evening for Queanbeyan by scoring two own goals.

Keira have a remarkable record in this year's Cup. Made up primarily of last year's successful Turner Cup side, coach Steve Goodley has developed good team understanding.

Last year's regional champions, Woonona, overcame a determined Lake Illawarra side to take out the semi 2-1.

The scoring was opened in the 39th minute when a Tony Donnelly through-ball put the reliable Earl Canvin away for a well-taken goal.

The second half continued in the same vein with Mark Pople and Rob Bem making moves down Woonona's flank and Mineo

Bonetig and Gino Carboni doing the same for Lake Illawarra.

In the 69th minute, the Donnelly-Canvin combination struck again with an almost identical move to bring Woonona's second goal.

This was the signal for coach Ian McKinlay to push all his players forward. He moved Muzik, along with Harvey Escarbano, into the attack. The increased pressure resulted in Troy Johnson bringing down Bonetig in the penalty area and Escarbano blasted the resulting penalty into the back of the net to make the final score 2-1.

The final will be played today at Towradg Park, kicking-off at 6pm. It promises to be an exciting encounter with the free-flowing, high-scoring Keira side contrasting the determined Woonona style.

— JOHN FREW,
(South Coast Region
Convenor).

SAINTS TUMBLE

ON the return to the National Youth League programme, there was an immediate change at the top of the table when leaders St George went down 0-2 at home against the Australian Institute of Sport, allowing Leichhardt to jump into first spot with a late penalty winner against 10-man Wollongong.

At Canberra, the Arrows paid the penalty for not capitalising on their dominance, losing 0-1 against Newcastle Rosebuds.

In the second half, the Arrows were completely in command until Matthew Garland scored with a speculative shot from 28 metres.

Two minutes later, the Arrows' Joe Gaggetti failed from the penalty spot and five minutes later the Arrows' task was made easier when the Rosebuds' goalscorer was shown the red card. However, the Arrows could not find the way to the Newcastle net.

It was a dour midfield battle at Marconi Stadium where the home team were held to a 1-1 draw by Croatia.

Croatia's opening goal in the 30th minute through John Peulic was a rebound from a blocked clearance.

However, the Marconi reply in the 65th minute was as a result of a good build-up and a fine run by Ricky Monsalve, whose cross was netted by Geoff Gunning from three metres.

At Melita Stadium, the young Eagles took some revenge for their senior side against Sydney City with a narrow 1-0 victory.

Lenny Vial broke the deadlock in the 52nd minute when he beat two defenders in a good run before cracking a shot into the top corner.

In the western derby between the Penrith Panthers and the Blacktown Demons at Cook Park, neither side really dominated this lively game, with Blacktown hitting a late goal to win 2-1.

The Panthers started off well when David Shute got two bites at the cherry to score.

Gary Hender levelled the scores in the 36th minute, the deadlock remained until the 87th minute when Socceroo Phil O'Connor sent in a low cross for Clive Eaton to score from close range.

At St George Stadium in an excellent game, the Saints were a little unfortunate not to have salvaged at least a point against AIS.

After a scoreless first half, Saints threw everything at AIS but failed to breach their defence due mainly to some poor finishing, and in the 60th minute Chris High failed to connect with a Chris Polas shot. From the clearance, the Institute broke away and scored through Warren Spink, who rounded the keeper before netting.

Five minutes later, Darren Northam nailed the coffin down when he scored from a free-kick.

At the Wollongong Nomads (oops! Wolves) latest home ground, Towradg Park, the Wolves fought a rearguard action against an unimpressive Leichhardt.

One goal down after 18 minutes to a Vic Masi goal following a free-kick and then reduced to 10 men in the 50th minute when Craig Baker was shown the red card, the Wolves never looked like winning.

In the 55th minute Tony Corridini was rewarded in one of his many fine runs with a goal. However, in the 84th minute, Vince Collagiuri got Leichhardt's winner from the penalty. **PETER RUSSELL**

TWO MET EAST CUP HOPEFULS

THE Metropolitan East region looks like providing the strongest challengers for this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Belmore and Canterbury are the two regional qualifiers, and they are going to provide strong opposition as the competition reaches the final 16 stage.

Goals and more goals describes the first four rounds of the competition in this region.

J.J. Cahill High School had an impressive record before falling to Belmore 0-1. They had previously defeated Matraville 17-0, Tempe 7-0 and Narwee 3-2.

Belmore provided a major upset by defeating last year's winners Kogarah.

In a thrilling encounter at Arcliffe Park, Belmore finally defeated Kogarah in a penalty shootout when the scores were locked 2-2 after extra-time.

The game was played at a fast pace with Kogarah controlling the midfield, but unable to break down the Belmore defence.

Belmore went ahead 1-0 early in the game and held that lead until just before half-time when Kogarah equalised.

Early in the second half, Belmore again took the lead but Kogarah hit back quickly with the equaliser.

A controversial penalty awarded to Kogarah in the last seconds of extra-time was saved by the Belmore substitute goalkeeper.

In the shoot-out, the Belmore goalie made three excellent saves which led to his team's victory.

This was a well-deserved victory to Belmore and a fine example of schoolboy Soccer at its best.

A strongly contested battle between two very well organised teams, it was a credit to both coaches, Chris Preslen and Trevor Taylor.

Belmore have recorded wins against Randwick North 10-0, Wooloware 5-0 and 1-0 over J.J. Cahill to qualify for the last 16 of the competition.

Belmore displayed superb skills and strong competitive spirit in a tightly contested match against J.J. Cahill.

Credit should be directed to Belmore goalie Hakan Oztaz. He brought off a couple of great saves at the feet of charging Cahill forwards.

In the 55th minute Belmore's Harry Boviatis scored his team's clincher with a strong header into goal.

Cahill fought back, led by St George NSL squad member Pedro Ricoy, but resolute defending by the Belmore defence kept them at bay.

This win was a five-star effort which typified the team's attitude and commitment all year.

In the other half of the competition, again

goals have been the order of the day.

In a first round game, Endeavour recorded a 9-0 win over Heathcote. Brett Thornthwaite, a regular first grader with NSL club Blacktown City, scored seven goals in this game.

Brett was selected as captain of the Metropolitan East regional team that won the NSW Combined High School Championships at Gabbie Stadium last week.

James Cook have had high-scoring wins against Carngbah 6-0, Kingsgrove



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

North 9-5, Blakehurst 11-0 and Engadine 5-0.

However, James Cook's run was ended by Canter-

bury Boys High, who became the second Met East qualifiers.

Tomorrow night, a double-header will be played at St George Stadium, with the first game between Canterbury and James Meehan, from the Liverpool region, at 6pm.

That match will be followed by Belmore v Pendle Hill.

Pendle Hill advanced to the last 16 with a 2-0 win over Model Farms. Goalscorers were Stephen Kent and Ian Martin (penalty).

Last year's finalists, Kadina High from Lismore, swamped Toormina in a high-scoring match 7-4.

YOUNG SOCCEROOS AT VIP DINNER

CANBERRA ARROWS will honour their two 19-year-old Soccerroos, Anthony Franken and Frank Farina, at the club's next VIP dinner at the Downer Olympic Soccer Club on Wednesday July 4.

Franken and Farina were two of Australia's consistent performers during the recent World Soccer Series.

Special guest speaker at the VIP dinner will be Channel O/28's well-known Soccer presenter Les Murray.



PEDRO RICOY

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

FINAL 16	FINAL 8	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
KADINA v WHITEBRIDGE			
GREYSTANES v NTH SYDNEY (1)			
TAMWORTH v JESMOND			
BATHURST v NTH SYDNEY (2)			
JAMES MEEHAN v CANTERBURY			
KIERA v WONOONA			
KOORINGAL v CABRAMATTA			
BELMORE v PENDLE HILL			



SOCCEROO bosses Frank Arok and Atti Abonyi will run a special coaching clinic for CHS schoolteachers at St George Stadium on Saturday July 7.

Under the guidance of Arok and back-up of Abonyi, the Australia 'A' team recorded splendid results in the recent World Soccer Series.

The coaching scheme is provided by the Commonwealth Bank as part of their involvement in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS SEMIS

THE semi-finals of the ACT James Hardie Cup for Primary Schools in the ACT will be played this week.

St Josephs face Mt Neighbour in one semi, while Weetangera and Fraser play in the other.

The final of the Cup will be played at the Bruce Stadium on August 12 before Canberra Arrows' home game against Sydney City.

NSW COACHES SUPPORTED

STEVE TRELOAR, manager of the Treloar organisation which markets Soccer balls, is right behind the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches.

The company has made a very valuable contribution to the coaches this year.

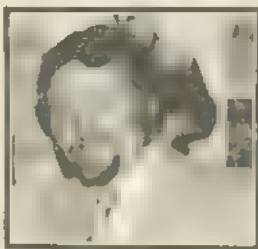
Football has been provided for staff coaches' use, T-shirts, preliminary certificates and badges, and a cash grant as well.

Publicity officer John Hedison said that a "coach of the year"

award is involved also, but the terms of it have not yet been decided.

Steve Treloar started out as a referee in the Granville District in 1967.

He has been with Nepean for the past 4½ years and is now the president of their referees



STEVE TRELOAR

PLAYERS PICKED FOR WIDE BAY REPS

BY S.L. STILLMAN

SEVERAL Bundaberg junior Soccer players have gained selection in the Wide Bay representative teams in the Under 12-15 age-groups to contest the State Championships later in the year.

Teams were selected from 22-player squads chosen at the recent Tobacco Growers Shield carnival in Bundaberg, comprising players from the Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg.

Bundaberg players named were:

U15: Mark Evans, David Asnicar, Brett Christ, Gavin Hunt, Glen Sparazvich, Darren Cronin, Darren Franklin

U14: Andrew Stillman, Timothy Green, Wayne Trudgian, Shaun Aslett.

U13: Chris Close, Justin Wilkins, Robbie Lewis.

U12: Andrew Wiltshire, Roger Briggs, Jason Franklin, Tony Roebuck, James Noble, Ross Endres, Scott Farraway, Cameron Galt, Dean Stephenson, Jason Weyer, Tim Cummings, Paul Polhman and Ryan Gilbert.

The State Championships for U15s will be

held at Cairns, U14s at Mackay and U13s at North Brisbane. The Harry

Lining Shield for U12s is expected to be held at Palm Beach



MCDONALDS \$25,000 SPREAD

MCDONALD'S Family Restaurants have put it all together with a \$25,000 Soccer coaching spread.

The recipients will be the young players in the Sutherland Shire.

In the Socceroo Super Skills scheme, it is not only Sutherland that has the ball at their feet.

How many other districts and coaching associations have taken full advantage of the McDonald's Soccer awards?



The Belconnen team from Canberra pictured at the U14 Amundsen Memorial Cup in Bega

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.



Pictured (from left) with that big \$6,500 cheque are Wagga Wagga mayor, Ald Maurice Gissing (promotion patron), Mike Brown (treasurer, Wagga), Peter Cutting (Coca-Cola Wagga manager), ASF's Peter McCann, and Barry Sadlier (promotion chairman)

YOUNG ROOS TO COUNTRY

BY FRANK FINLAY AND KEITH GILMOUR

COCA-COLA Bottlers have come to the aid of the Young Socceroos in promotion of two matches against the Riverina representative team.

Recently, local Coca-Cola manager Peter Cutting presented a \$6,500 cheque from his company to promotion committee treasurer Mike Brown and chairman Barry Sadlier.

In attendance was Australian Soccer Federation honorary vice-president Peter McCann.

Build

The Australian Youth team, now under the control of Jim Shoulder of the Australian Institute of Sport, will have to build up after the country games.

The Joao Havelange Tournament in Mexico has

been held over until January and Australia will be there.

"We will decide what the squad will do as soon as we know the exact dates," Shoulder said.

"Our January commitment in Mexico works in well because our World Cup games will be in the following month."

Shoulder also said that he had seen all but three of the 140 youth players who were listed as being possibilities for the squad.

Camps will be held this month and again in August and October to sort out the top players.



BARRY SADLIER, promotion chairman, who is aiming to pack the stand for the match



GRANT ACKROYD, who is looking after the Wagga promotion of the Young Socceroos game

'CARNIVALE WALGETT'

WESTERN NSW president Ab Cantrill and secretary Michael Bray recently attended a Soccer carnival way up at Walgett.

Competing were Nyngan (two teams), Coonamble, Wee Waa and Walgett.

Two grounds were available. One was correctly set out, and the other had Soccer markings and Rugby goals.

Out in the north-west it seems you have to improvise.

Walgett secretary Henryk Wesierki explained that distances are such that weekly competitors cannot be

The answer to that problem could be that each centre could conduct a carnival similar to Walgett's once a month.

Lightning Ridge is another possible entrant. Nyngan manages to put on weekly games at home.



Officials are sticking to senior matches. They will have to learn that some junior challenge matches must be added if their labours are to bear fruit.

Western NSW officials would like to see East Dubu and Dubbo South play friendlies with Walgett when they play Mudgee in the Mid-State League.



BARRY VAN DIJK

COUNTRY TALENT

LAVINGTON'S Barry van Dijk, 18, is worth the attention of any leading coach in Australia.

That is the opinion of Riverina coach Chico Vojnovic as he prepares his squad for the games against the Young Socceroos later in the year.

Barry started the game as a nine-year-old in Holland, turning out with Twin City Wanderers in Albury before joining Lavington, the current Albury-Wodonga leaders.

He plays stopper, but can turn out as a utility player as well.

— FRANK FINLAY

U16 CHINA TOUR TEASERS

THE Australian Soccer Federation should closely examine a proposal to hand over conduct of the Australian Under 16 Youth team in China in its entirety to the National Junior Council.

After winning Oceania, it is likely that Australia will compete in the first-ever World Under 16 Championship.

This big event will be held in the Republic of China in 1985.

ASF secretary Brian Emery will be in Peking this month and expects to finalise Australia's entry, along with arrangements for the Socceroos matches there in early November.

The World U16 title is an extremely important event involving big time Soccer nations with world-class experience and reputations.

Future

The best U16 players will surely be in line to play in future U19 World Youth Championship matches for Australia.

At U19 tournaments such as the Havelange Tournament in Mexico City and the WYC, national and assistant national coaches control teams.

Everything must be done to ensure that

things are handled in professional style.

The Australian coach in New Zealand for the Oceania Championships in December was Vic Dalgiesh.

From all reports he did his usual extremely efficient job and must be one of the front-runners for the China tour.

But a post such as the China one merits consideration of all possible candidates.

The job calls for a coach who has proved that he can compete internationally, if possible at the highest levels.

Schoolboys

Les Scheinflug would be the man if available.

He was in Australia's first-ever World Cup team in Cambodia in 1965 and has travelled the world either as assistant or national coach.

In 1974 I handled the publicity for the England Schoolboys tour of Australia. Scheinflug was the Australian coach and I well know what he could do with schoolboys then.

Over the following 10 years, his experience has increased tremendously.

There may be some from other states, but another man of impeccable credentials is the new NSW director of coaching, Alan Vest.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Vest represented New Zealand in some 35 internationals, a deal of which were played throughout Asia.

He coached New Zealand and his work with Newcastle KB United made him the longest-serving coach in the NSL.

Support

Then there is the matter of administrative support.

Most countries would have no less a person than their national secretary in the role.

Harking back to 1960, I was the manager of the NSW U16 team on the first junior tour undertaken of New Zealand since 1927.

Included in the NSW team were Jim Sambrook, Phil Carr, Trevor Weekes, Ian Lloyd, Bob Stuart and Gordon Gibson, all of whom later played good class football.

The NSW team was prepared by "Uncle Joe" Vlasits, latter national coach. We didn't have money for his fare so I stood in as coach on the tour.

All went well on the tour of both islands until we got to the last game before a 4,500 crowd at the old Blandford Park in Auckland.

Auckland was coached

by former Chelsea and England "B" defender, Ken Armstrong, who recently passed away.

In a magnificent match they fought to cut off ball supply to Kel Harrison and the rest of our hard-working NSW midfield and finally won 4-3.

Competing in China will be a picnic compared with such a New Zealand episode.

The entire management team must be top performers, including a

qualified physiotherapist and team doctor.

And the national coach, Frank Arok, surely should be involved in the selection process for the coach.

RIGHT: VIC DALGIESH, who successfully coached the Australian team in the Oceania Championships last year.

BELOW: LES SCHEINFLUG (right) at a press conference with 1983 Young Socceroos David Lowe, Ralph Maier and Tommy McCulloch.



NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE JOY FOR JEE

STEFAN JEE was on target for St George in Saturday's matches against Blacktown City, scoring for both the U13 and U14 teams.

He first netted in the 13s and then went on to collect two more when he turned out as an U14 replacement.

SLOPES 'NED' HANCOCK

BY FRANK FINLAY

BUSHY-BEARDED South-West Slopes and Riverina official Gary Hancock is known to his mates as "Ned Kelly."

This year he was re-elected as registrar and competition coordinator of the South-West Slopes Soccer Association. In addition he was appointed junior vice-president.

Because of his dedication to promote junior Soccer within the Riverina as a whole, he was re-elected Branch junior vice-president.

Born in Grenfell 37 years ago, Gary, like so many others became a devotee of Soccer through the involvement of his own family.

Sons Christopher, 18, and Danny, 17, are keen players.

Chris Iliadis scored twice in U14, one of them coming from a magical 70 metre break. The final score was 3-0.

Although Saints were only one ahead at half-time, they scored five more to win 6-0. The scores were Jim Morakeas (two), Jee (two), Steve Dimondis and Shane Walker.

Walker, the skipper, scored brilliantly from

25 metres for the last goal as Saints consolidated their second top position.

The U15 grade was scoreless, but the game was an inspiring one indeed.

Canterbury-Marrickville had a very profitable day against arch-rivals Sydney Olympic.

They won 1-0 in U14, 2-1 in U15, drew 1-1 in U13 and lost the U16 narrowly 0-1 at Arlington Oval.

ROUND 22 JUNE 30 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Blacktown City	3-0	6-0	0-0	0-2
Illawarra v Southern Dist.	4-0	3-0	3-0	10-2
APIA v Auburn	3-0	3-1	7-1	0-1
Macarthur v Canterbury Asan.	0-0	5-0	2-1	1-2
Melita v Bankstown	8-0	4-0	1-6	7-1
Baulkham Hills v Ku-ring-gai	3-0	1-0	1-3	0-0
Yugal v Croatia	0-3	2-5	0-2	0-3

	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
Sydney Olympic v Cant/Marr.	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-0		
Marconi v Manly	3-1	0-0	1-1	2-0		
Sutherland v Nepean	2-0	0-0	1-1	3-1		
Nth Bankstown v Central Coast	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-4		
Blacktown v Gladesville	0-5	2-2	1-1	0-2		
Sydney City v Avala	0-8	1-2	1-1	0-2		
Rockdale v Granville	1-8	3-2	1-4	3-5		

POINTS NEXT WEEK

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U11	U12
Nepean v Central Coast	3-0	2-0
Sutherland v St George	2-0	3-1
Illawarra v Canterbury	1-1	1-1
Southern Dist v Granville	1-2	0-2
Bankstown v Blacktown	1-0	0-4
Ku-ring-gai, Gladesville - byes		
(Southern & Eastern U12s have withdrawn)		

MANLY HELP

MANLY-WARRINGAH Soccer Association has opened a new division — the Disabled Persons Soccer Association.

The competitions are held in two divisions and cater for 120 players.

The "A" grade, there are seven 11 member teams. Three 50 minute games are played per day.

The games are held every Saturday at the northern end of Dee Why Park from 9 am to 3 pm.

Represented are clubs from the House with No Steps, Sun-

shine Home, Spastic Centre, St Vincent de Paul, Sunnyfield and Human Resources Centre.

Ages of players range from 12 to 60 years. Most players are intellectually impaired but it is amazing that in play their handicaps are usually barely noticeable.

Richard Nutt, Phone 982 9755 (work) can provide details to interested persons.

EN-ZEDERS IN NSW

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL from New Zealand will tour NSW in the August-September school holidays.

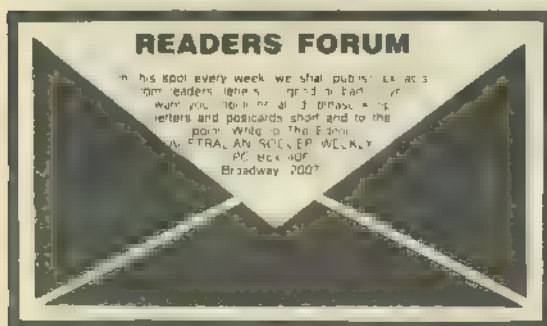
They start against Chatham High on the Lower North Coast, play Kurri Kurri and Warners Bay in the Newcastle area, and then Normanhurst Boys' High on Sydney's north side.



St George Under 12 Metropolitan Championship team



TACCONI, the Juventus goalkeeper, pictured during the Manchester United game at the SCG



NO FUSS

I REFER to Chris Wichelow's letter in the June 26 edition of ASW. It was amazing to read what a fuss he made about a penalty decision by Peter Rampley in the Man United v Juventus match at the SCG. Who cares?

I don't suppose Peter Rampley or the 24,284 spectators, apart from Mr Wichelow, would have worried if Tacconi moved or not. It was a ridiculous way for a friendly match, with nothing at stake, to conclude

It appears Mr Wichelow was the only person sucked in by the "penalty shootout" which ended a rather uninteresting match.

KENNY SANSOM,
Manly, NSW

\$18 SLUG

AFTER the success of the recent WSS,

planning for next year's series should start immediately.

A few points which would boost crowd figures:

Double headers to be played — \$18 is a lot of money for 90 minutes of Soccer, or the least quality curtain-raiser. I attended only one match, Aust v Juventus, owing to the fact that I play senior district Soccer. I was injured, so could attend at least this match which was a beauty.

All junior and senior Soccer should be changed so they do not clash. Also, the dearer seats sold first (booked days before), so surely outer ground tickets should be reduced substantially.

Finally, congratulations to Frank Arok and his team. Surely now the sporting public will get behind this present squad and cheer them on, not only on TV, but in person

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CONFERENCE BRINGS STATE

BODIES CLOSER

SIX years ago the president of the NSW Women's Federation proposed a meeting with the Northern NSW executive to discuss boundaries and similar issues.

This meeting between the two NSW State Soccer bodies for women was the first between the ruling managements and proved to be of considerable benefit

During the past 12 months, the executive of the Nth NSW group saw an urgent need for another conference to take place. They said that that women's Soccer in NSW was standing on the threshold of major development.

This development was limited only by the co-operation of the three intra-state organisations conducting women's Soccer, including the ACT association.

Alan Hampton, the president of the Nth NSW Federation, said that the fact that the three bodies agreed to attend the conference, was a huge step in itself

The conference was held on an informal basis with each group expressing their thoughts freely. Quite a number of recommendations were put forward.

The Central Coast district representative tournament was discussed at length.

This competition originally evolved from a team from the Central Coast playing against one from the Manly-Warringah area, and grew to become one of the prestige events on the Soccer calendar

For a number of years, it prospered under the careful fostering of an energetic committee,

but of late, through well meaning but apparently indifferent control, it has deteriorated into a shadow of the former tournament

The conference examined the reasons why this had happened and formed up guidelines to bring it back to a top contest once more.

Mr Hampton said that the contest will be once more conducted by the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association, as in past years, but it will be held under the guidance of the Nth and NSW Federations, with a convenor appointed by the host association to co-ordinate the tournament

Entry will be open to various States, with the games being played during the October Labour Day weekend

Nominations will close on June 30 and the contest will be run in three divisions.

Provision has been made for the 16 senior teams to be split into two divisions, with eight Under 17 sides and eight Under 15 sides comprising the other two divisions.

THE conference decided to re-establish the boundaries for women's Soccer in NSW.

"In 1901, the State boundaries as we know them today, were drawn up by the ASF," Mr Hampton explained.

"Since that time there has been very little variation and Soccer has grown enormously with changes in the population in various areas

"We are all aware that exceptions have been allowed over the years but this had led to confusion at times.

The conference thought that these boundaries could be reviewed to take into account the

present day requirements and future changes that may influence the growth of women's Soccer," Alan explained.

The new boundaries accepted by the conference showed significant changes by moving the dividing line from the Hawkesbury River to Gulgong and thence to the Northwest corner of the State, thus taking in the expanding women's Soccer region of Dubbo

Upon application, Broken Hill would come under the South Australia/Murray Valley area for competition

In the north of the State, the variations could be that Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads, near the Queensland border, could make application to play in the Gold Coast competition.

Women's Soccer from the Queanbeyan district will be permitted to play in the ACT competition

DUE to the proposed change in school holidays in NSW, it was considered that it may be

necessary to alter the timing of the State Championships, but further developments are to be watched in the Education Department's submissions

THE Under 17 tournament, which is by invitation, is to be continued and fostered, as both executives considered that eventually this contest will become a national event

THE problem of recognition by referees that women's Soccer is to be regarded as a proper contest and not a social event was given prominence at the conference

It was stated that the country areas seem to have been affected, in respect to competent referees being appointed to control the women's games.

There have been constant problems with appointments for women's games being changed to give preference to men's or boy's games without consultation with the women's associations



ACT GET READY FOR NATIONALS

CANBERRA in the springtime is when the trees are just starting to thaw out and lose their autumn leaves, but people coming to the national women's Soccer championships, which will be held from the last week of August for 10 days, will be well advised to wear a warm coat and rug.

Heather Reid, president of the ACT Women's Soccer Association, said they would be pulling out all stops in their effort to make the 1984 titles a memorable time for the participating States.

It will be the first time the ACT has

hosted a senior championship. Their successful running of the Under 15 titles last year gave them valuable experience in organisation on a large scale.

The Nationals will be held at the Hawker Oval in Belconnen, a northern suburb of Canberra

Although it is an enclosed field, seating will be limited

Lynne Wenban has been appointed as the ACT championship coordinator. A non-player, Lynne is a keen enthusiast.

Sub-committees have already been formed for the myriad of tasks associated with the running of a national championship.

Clive Mackillop, the ACT coach, started training in April

There are a lot of new faces in the senior squad. The girls are: Marianna Roligejser (capt), Carmel Carters (v. capt), Karen Singer, Robyn Firth, Debbie Corcoran, Sally Rundle, Dianna Cameron, Heather Ratford, Jenny Skorupa, Glenda Hall, Julie Murray, Shauna Quirk, Veruska Krigovasky, Michelle Baxter, Donna O'Brien, Aileen Sein, Kirsty Paten, Leigh Christenson.

The squad is made up from six Belconnen players, 11 Weston girls and one from Queanbeyan.

The manageress is Lynne Wenban.

TASSIE CHANGE

NEWS from the Apple Isle is that the north of the State has affiliated with the girls in the Hobart area.

This means that this year, a complete representation of the women playing Soccer in Tasmania will be available to be selected in the State side to take part in the Australian championships

An assistant coach is to be selected to train the squad from the Launceston surrounds, where 16 girls will be selected for the squad

Twenty-five girls will comprise the hopefuls from the Hobart region, and the best of the two groups will combine to form the Tasmanian team

There are 11 teams playing in the Launceston competition and 16 in the Hobart tournament

The secretary of the Tasmanian association, Barry Powell, said the men's association there have done a complete about-face and are now right behind the women's Soccer movement and giving assistance.

NSW SCHOOLS ARE TAKEN BY STORM

BY GARETH WILLIAMS

THE fostering of women's Soccer in the NSW Combined High Schools has taken the schools by storm.

The Ku-ring-gai Cup, the girls' knockout competition, has only been in existence for four years.

It has already expanded to encompass 190 high schools, and understandably Soccer is the fastest growing women's sport.

A State Carnival for the educational regions is conducted, and last year Hunter won out by beating North Sydney in

Lismore. Further details of the 1984 Carnival can be obtained from Mr Greg Best, c/- St Marys High School.

It was not surprising that the wealth of talent available enabled NSW to defeat ACT 7-0 in the first-ever representative game

Already NSW has had senior and junior Australian representatives. Julie Porter,

Kim Lembryk, Helen Watts and Leah Wright are but a few of a long list of talented players.



THE 'LIVERPOOL' OF QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE Premier League club Mount Gravatt will become the Liverpool of Queensland Soccer, club officials predict.

The Hawks head the competition. They are in the quarter-finals of the Ampol Cup and are only one game away from securing the President's Trophy for first round leaders.

But the club will not be satisfied until it stamps itself as undisputed champions, as did the Merseyside club in, not only English,

but European competition last season.

"We have the staff and the players to become the best club in Queensland, within three years we don't just want to be beating teams like we do now, we want to be beating them 3-0 and more," Hawks coach Eric Thompson said.

"We are copying the Liverpool example. They

BY GREG RUSSELL

have shown that hard work, good organisation and clever player assessment brings not only success but domination.

"With the squad and plans we have now, we will make a clean sweep of the silverware within two years."

Those predictions are not just idle boasts. Thompson has a talented squad which is a mixture of experience and youth. Several new players have come into the side this year, including skilful midfielders Martin Kirsopp and David Redfern while Thompson has stuck to his policy of introducing more youth.

Thompson launched Youth Socceroo Russell Stewart into top Soc-



RUSSELL STEWART

cer and was responsible for the early grooming of National League players Peter McClurg (Lions) and John Kowtan (City).

Thompson has several other youngsters at Dittmer Park who could well follow their former team-mates.

Cameron Bell, Mark Hairsine and Stuart Woodruffe have been outstanding this season and already have attracted attention from the two NSL clubs.

But Thompson is not ready to make the mistake again by letting all his good work go to the benefit of Brisbane City and Lions.

"My aim is to be playing well enough so these youngsters learn more by playing with Mount Gravatt than they would at Lions and City. At the moment, National League is the only thing we can't offer them, but by looking after the youngsters and giving them the little things which are important we hope they don't become restless," Thompson said.

AMPOL CUP HOTS UP

QUEENSLAND'S Ampol Cup enters its quarter-final stage this weekend and the sequel to last week's out-of-the-hat draw will take place on the field.

In the past, the Queensland Soccer Federation has always "seeded" its Cup draw, which denied the competition the traditional magic associated with knockout ties.

The quarter-finals are: Mount Gravatt v Coalstars; Lions v Ipswich Utd; Wynnum v North Star; Valley Trident v Acacia Ridge.

That draw undoubtedly was completely different to what would have been expected had the draw been seeded.

In fact, Mount Gravatt, Lions, Ipswich and Coalstars would have been acceptable semi-finalists for the Federation.

The four other teams certainly aren't complaining with the way they came out of the hat.

If table positions are any indication, the semi-finalists should be Mount Gravatt, Ipswich, Wynnum and Acacia Ridge. But as usual, anything can happen in Cup football.

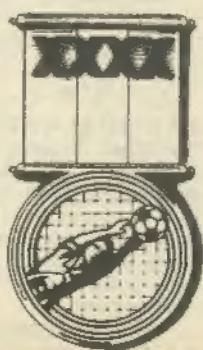
Mount Gravatt received a severe jolt a week ago when they were beaten 1-0 at home by Ipswich United, a result which thoroughly heartened Coalstars supporters.

Lions have been winning easily in the Intermediate League and will be far from pushovers for Ipswich, who have been hit by injuries in the past week.

Wynnum beat North Star in their Premier League clash two weeks ago, but the margin was only 2-1, a repeat scoreline from their first round game which will give the Wolves a major psychological edge.

Premier League side Acacia Ridge were delighted with their pairing, but were bought back to reality when Valley Trident thrashed 5-1 fellow Intermediate League premiership hopefuls Redlands.

The Cup semi-finals will be played on July 28 or 29 and the final on August 19.



CHILBY GOES NORTH

BY PHIL MURPHY

REG CHILBY has been a controversial figure since he returned to Illawarra from Newcastle but he has now decided to return north.

Chilby came "home" to trial with Wollongong City this year but a big transfer fee originally scared off the Wolves.

When it was reduced, Chilby gained the impression he wasn't wanted by the NSL club anyway and asked to be cleared to Dapto.

After a mixed spell with Dapto, he decided to go back to Newcastle to take on a pest control contract.

Chilby is best known for his days with Fairy Meadow, both in the Illawarra district and later in the NSW Second Division.

He played well in his last game with Dapto — a scoreless draw against second-placed Warilla Wanderers.

peared to be having heart flutters.

With Quinn, Peter Thompson and Pruks back together up front, the Fernhill fans have every right to expect goals galore in the second round.

DISTRICT Soccer players and officials are wondering how they had to be involved in a full round of games on the Saturday Australia played Juventus at the SCG.

Many clubs would have arranged bus trips to watch the big game but no allowance was made for matches to be held over.

Even around the southern suburbs of Syd-

ney there were dozens of junior and senior Soccer matches going ahead.

No wonder only 14,004 people turned up to watch one of Australia's better performances.

Maybe the ASF should look at this anomaly — it certainly wouldn't happen in any other major football code.

IT's nice to see the Gill family tradition continuing at Bellambi this season.

Tony Gill, a long-serving player with the club, is coaching Bellambi's first grade side.

Gill is a no-frills coach who has his players inside and gets results by sheer hard work and effort.

His father, Stan, also a former top player in Illawarra, was a long-serving official with Bellambi.

WARATAHS WIN WELL

BY PAT ALLEN

ONLY two matches took place last weekend in mid-State competition with Waratahs playing deferred matches.

Waratahs overcame a determined CYMS to win 2-0 and sneak into second position, two points behind leaders Lithgow Thistles. CYMS, as a result of the loss, slip from third to fourth behind South Dubbo Wanderers.

The match was played at a ferocious pace in the opening stanza with CYMS holding a slight advantage. Two point blank misses from the CYMS forwards allowed Waratahs off the hook. Then they nearly took an early lead when Stephen Hooper hit the woodwork.

With the half time score 0-0, it was still anyone's game though Waratahs gradually began to assert their dominance.

Stephen Hooper opened the scoring by completing a magnificent move involving Rob Barrett and Rob Brown.

Soon after Rob Brown produced one of his specials by eluding the defence following a Terry Gallard pass to shoot from an acute angle beating the floundering Ray Davis in goal.

The pace and toughness of the match began to take its toll with players of both sides hobbling from the field and Waratahs were reduced to 10 men for the final 10 minutes when substitute Carl Baresi left the field.

Both sides had many fine players. Jim Griffith was dominant in the first half for CYMS but could not maintain the pace, allowing his Waratahs opponent Gary Campbell to dictate proceedings.

Shane Cantrill and Bob Hayden were strong in the CYMS defence whilst for Waratahs, Peter Tom and Terry Gallard were similar.

East Dubbo United maintain their strong position on the table just out of the four by virtue of their 1-nil victory over Rangers.

Rangers began well continuing with their form of recent weeks and nearly took an early lead when Glen Olssen beat the United offside trap, to find himself with only the keeper to beat.

However, Steve Buckland the United goalkeeper, proved equal to the task and came away with possession.

After 35 minutes United scored the only goal when they knocked a dangerously bouncing ball in the penalty area into the net.

United were now gaining control of the mid-field through captain-coach Stuart Dedman and Rex Gower. With these two in control, it was not until the final 15 minutes that Rangers really applied the pressure but were thwarted by brilliant goalkeeping from Buckland once again.

Olssen, Alan Reniche and David Armstrong stood out for Rangers but could not overcome the Dedman, Gower, Buckland performances.

In the second division, Rangers performed better running out 5-nil victors.

South Dubbo Wanderers, Lithgow Thistles and Mudgee were all involved in Amateur Cup fixtures.

TASSIE TITLE FOR JUVENTUS

BY VAN DIEMEN

JUVENTUS-PIONEER increased their lead at the top of the Cadbury State League in Tasmania with a resounding 5-1 win over Caledonians.

They are now well on course for a second successive championship, and there appear to be few threats looming on the horizon.

Second-placed Olympia-WPL dropped a point in their scoreless draw with Metro-Claremont, while Rapid fell to fourth spot when they were beaten 1-2 by Croatia-Glenorchy.

University moved into third place in style when they easily accounted for Phoenix 4-1.

Juventus survived some anxious moments early on against Caledonians, but Kent got Juventus off the mark in the 14th minute.

Sergio Pace added a second four minutes later when he side-footed home Ken Morton's corner kick.

Morton chipped the third shortly after the break, and full-back De Felice joined the scorers a couple of minutes later.

Caledonians full-back Adkins showed his strikers how to score when he hit a superb 20 metre volley.

Juventus goalkeeper Steve Craven, who had brilliantly tipped Ian Parker's dipping volley over the bar in the opening minutes, was again called upon in the closing minutes.

He saved Michael Goldsmith's penalty and then deflected the youngster's second attempt, from the re-

bound, over the bar for a corner.

Darren Wells, a newcomer to the Juventus senior side, completed the scoring in the closing seconds when he flashed an excellent volley from outside the penalty area into the far corner of the net.

Croatia-Glenorchy came back from a fifth-minute goal by Rapid's Peter Thompson to win through two fine goals by Tony Bacic.

A jubilant Croatia coach, Frank Letec, said: "It was our best game of the season. The commitment was tremendous and the sky is the limit with that sort of display — and that means against any opposition."

Olympia-WPL's strikers let them down badly against Metro-Claremont, although Metro goalkeeper Damon Youl must take a lot of the credit.

University led Phoenix 3-1 at half-time through goals by Andrew and Richard Leszczynski and the almost customary penalty by Peter Crowther. Gorringer had given Phoenix the lead in the 12th minute.

Andrew Leszczynski scored University's fourth goal in the second half.

His two goals were his first league goals for the club since joining them from White Eagles at the beginning of the season.

Cadbury State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	10	8	1	1	25	9	17
University	10	7	0	3	25	15	14
Rapid	10	6	1	3	25	15	13
Olympia	10	5	3	2	26	18	13
Croatia	10	3	1	6	12	16	7
Metro	10	2	3	5	13	19	7
Caledonians	10	2	1	7	17	32	5
Phoenix	10	1	2	7	8	27	4

"Michael The Tailor" Goalscorer Award:

8 — P.Sherman (Olympia), P.Crowther (University),

W.Kirkpatrick (Rapid) 7 — R.Leszczynski (University) 5 — J.Parker (Caledonians), J.Broadhouse (Juventus), T.Bacic (Croatia).

FINALLY JUNIOR MOVES

JUNIOR, perhaps the greatest of all players in Brazil's 1982 World Cup team, is definitely joining his many team mates who have signed for Italian clubs.

Although it was reported that Junior had left for Italy some weeks ago, his transfer from Flamengo to Torino has only just been ratified.

If anybody doubted the quality of the Brazilian national team, the fact that the hard-to-please Italians have paid millions of dollars to take nine of the 22-man squad from Brazil should silence all doubts.

Torino have agreed to pay Junior the huge figure of \$8,000 a week basic pay but this will be increased if the club is successful.

Flamengo told their distressed fans in Rio that they had no wish to sell Junior but there was no way the Brazilian club could outbid Torino.

JUNIOR
off to
Italy



DANES BRING HOME BACON

DENMARK surprised a lot of critics when they qualified for the European Championship but there is no doubt their players are in great demand all over the world.

England's Manchester United, Liverpool and Spurs have all regularly assessed the Danish talent and would pay big money to sign Danish stars.

Spurs tried to buy Morten Olsen, the Danish sweeper who plays for Anderlecht in Belgium.

Olsen said: "They came in three days too late. I had just signed a new one-year contract with Anderlecht. But I'd be interested in a year's time if Spurs still want me."

Another Olsen, winger Jesper Olsen, is keenly looking forward to playing for Manchester United next season.

Jesper has been labelled "the second George Best" and is tipped to be a sensation at Old Trafford.

"I would like to play

football like Best but not like him off the field," said Jesper.

A third wanted Dane is Michael Laudrup, who was 20 only last week but who already has a bank balance heading towards \$2,000,000.

Laudrup was ready to sign for Liverpool until Italy's Juventus fronted him and his dad and presented them with a plastic bag brimming over with hard cash!

Laudrup was loaned out by Juventus last season and, with Michel Platini and Zbisl Boniek filling the places allocated to foreigners, it seems he has no future for the time being with Juventus.

UEFA WAS FIRM

DENMARK threatened to withdraw from the European Championship after losing their first match 1-0 to France.

The Danes were very angry when the organisers of the tournament refused to let them bring in a replacement player for Allan Simonsen, who broke his leg in the opening game.

"We may not turn up in Lyons to play Yugoslavia," threatened a Danish official.

The European Football Union (UEFA) called their bluff ... and Denmark did play against Yugoslavia.

COACHES ARE SO CUNNING

COACHES get up to some dubious tricks in South America.

For instance, one managed to pour a large quantity of liquid purgative into the drinking water used by his opponents.

In the second half, the opposing team couldn't run. Or maybe they ran too much! They were well beaten.

Another coach ordered his groundsman to lower the crossbars by 30 centimetres, because his goalkeeper wasn't very tall. This completely confused the opposing team which shot constantly over the bar and it also made life easier for the little goalkeeper!



KEITH BURKINSHAW

SPURS BOSS EMIGRATES

WHILE there is still speculation that Keith Burkinshaw, the former Spurs manager, will take over a top English club, it seems his future is definitely with the Arabs.

Burkinshaw says he has signed a two-year contract to become Soccer supremo of the desert country of Bahrain.

He is being paid \$400,000 for the two years — and it's tax free.

"I'm definitely going. It presents a challenge," said Burkinshaw. "It is nothing to do with getting Bahrain into the next World Cup. They are only amateurs and my job will be to completely restructure the game there."

Although Burkinshaw was clearly disappointed to leave Spurs, he did have a handy golden handshake to ease the sorrow. Spurs paid their former boss \$180,000.

Burkinshaw flies to Bahrain in August. Incidentally, the Bahrain Sports Minister is an avid Spurs fan. "I suppose that's why I got this offer," said Burkinshaw.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

FRANZ BECKENBAUER says he is very sad that England did not compete in the European Championship finals.

Beckenbauer has been covering the championship for German newspapers.

He said: "It does not seem right to have these games without England being here. They won in Brazil last week but I think they would rather be in France right now. I wish they were here."

Few Frenchmen, however, are unhappy about England not qualifying.

As one French football writer said: "England have very few players we want to see and thousands of fans we don't want to see. Why do we need the English?"

"Denmark did us a favour by knocking out England. Denmark brought 20,000 supporters to France and there was not one fight. The nation we miss really is



BECKENBAUER
Italy."

But Beckenbauer remained firm in his opinion when he said: "England gave football to the world. Without England, there would never have been a European Championship. It is sad they are not even in the top eight now."

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KAISERSLAUTERN, the West German team, have just lost Ronnie Hellstrom, the Swedish international goalkeeper who has retired, so they've been back to Sweden to find a replacement.

Their new goalkeeper is Thomas Sunesson, who was bought from Malmo for \$115,000.



THE new champions of Mexico are America, who play in the capital, Mexico City.

America beat provincial team Guadalajara 3-1 in the second leg of the final to give them their eighth league title.

MOVE FOR JOL

MARTIN JOL, the Dutch international midfielder, will not have his contract renewed for next season by English club, West Bromwich Albion.

Jol, though, is keen to stay in England and there is talk of his moving to Ipswich Town where he would join his old West Brom team-mate with the elegant name — Romeo Zondervan.

Jol says he is upset about West Brom's decision not to retain him.

FREE FOR TONY

TONY KINSELLA, the Republic of Ireland Under 21 international, has been given a free transfer by Ipswich Town, the club which brought Kinsella from the USA, where he was with Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Kinsella cost Ipswich \$70,000 when he left Tampa. He is tipped to return to another of his former teams, Millwall.



MARTIN JOL

ENGLAND LIKES 4-2-4 SYSTEM

DESPITE a mixture of good and bad results, England are persevering with their 4-2-4 line-up, relying on it to get them to the World Cup in Mexico in 1982.

The Englishmen drew with Scotland in Glasgow, lost to Russia at Wembley, beat Brazil in Rio, lost to Uruguay in Montevideo, and drew with Chile in Santiago.

Manager Bobby Robson's new line-up is really built around old-fashioned wingers Mark Chamberlain and John Barnes, two black men of considerable ability.

Top writer Frank McGhee describes the forward line as "exciting and inventive, with

the wingers making lovely weaving runs and delivering beautiful crosses."

Improving

McGhee also believes England has improved enormously through staying together and playing together, a luxury Robson rarely enjoys when he is preparing the national team for big matches during the normal season.

As McGhee wrote: "This bunch of passing

strangers has grown into a team."

England's biggest disappointment was being unable to beat a very ordinary Chilean team which was bad enough to be hooted by its own supporters in Santiago.

Only 10,000 people turned up to watch England dominate affairs. Goalkeeper Peter Shilton had to save only

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two shots in 90 minutes, but he will be kept much busier in the World Cup eliminations.

WHERE IS STAR?

BOBBY ROBSON, England's team boss, believes he needs only one outstanding player to transform the side into one of the best in the world.

Robson is searching high and low for a midfield genius who can score goals.

"France has Platini and West Germany has Rummenigge, but we have nobody in that class," lamented Robson.

He believes France without Platini or the Germans without Rummenigge would be struggling for results.

The comments from the



BRYAN ROBSON

England manager would seem to indicate that he does not rate his namesake, Manchester United's Bryan Robson, as one of the "greats" of world football.

Incidentally, England is unlikely to persist with twin strikers Mark Hateley and Clive Allen when the full squad is match fit. Paul Mariner and Tony Woodcock are expected to come back and take over.



England's Mark Chamberlain in action for Stoke City

KEVIN HAS A CRITIC

ALAN HUDSON, Stoke City's former English international, criticised Kevin Keegan for retiring!

Keegan did a tremendous job helping Newcastle United win promotion to the first division, but without him, the Geordies could be struggling. Hudson comments: "If ever Newcastle needed Keegan's experience

it will be next season while they try to consolidate in the top division. He joined Newcastle because he felt he could do well there and there was a lot of cash in the move for him."

The Stoke star admits his own team will face a big struggle next season but claims: "There is no way I could walk out on them."

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR'S bid to sign Aberdeen's Scottish international star, Alex McLeish has fallen through.

McLeish, who was rated in the \$1,000,000 class, has decided he'd rather stay with Aberdeen. At 25, McLeish, a defender, has been watched by scouts from many English clubs.

ANDY KING, the Everton striker who was given a free transfer, has decided to play in Europe. King has signed for a Dutch second division team, Cambur.

COVENTRY CITY have bought keeper Steve Ogilvie from Shrewsbury Town. Steve is a big lad (6ft 4ins).

STEVE BRUCE, Gillingham's centre-half, is a transfer target for top clubs.

Newcastle United and Norwich City are leading the auction and Norwich thought they had already finalised the deal.

There is a small matter of the fee. Norwich have offered \$33,000 but Gillingham want \$240,000. The gap is hardly negotiable at this stage.

ARSENAL have been given permission to build an electronic scoreboard at their Highbury ground at a cost of \$1,700,000.

This must be one of the few times Sydney and Melbourne have beaten London to the punch with a ground facility.

TONY GETS SACK

WHEN Aston Villa manager Tony Barton attended a board meeting last week, he was not told of the main item on the agenda ... his sacking!

"It came out of the blue. I'm devastated," said Barton, one of the nice guys of English football.

Since taking over from Ron Saunders, Barton has done well, and even guided Villa to the greatest trophy in club Soccer — the European Cup.

Last season, however, the famous Midlands club failed to qualify for European competition and Barton paid the penalty. His assistant Roy MacLaren also got the chop but MacLaren was overseas on holiday and didn't know.

Strangely enough, Barton's son Garry was due to be married a few days after the board meeting and the wedding reception was booked for Villa Park.

After Tony Barton was sacked, Villa chairman Doug Ellis made what seemed to be a callous comment: "There will be at least 10 men ready to crawl here for his job."



TONY BARTON

BOLTON SLUMP

EVIDENCE of the alarming slump in match attendances in England stands out starkly if you look at what has happened to Bolton Wanderers, formerly one of the giants of the sport.

Bolton's crowds were not much better than 3,000 to 4,000 last season.

Yet executive manager Nat Lofthouse, who was Bolton's centre-forward when the big crowds patronised Burnden Park, says the team can and will survive.

ARSENAL WANT SHEEDY

EVERTON'S transfer-listed Kevin Sheedy could attract a big offer from Arsenal ... about \$800,000.

The Gunners want Sheedy to take over from Graham Rix, the England World Cup midfielder, who has itchy feet.

Rix refused to sign a new Arsenal contract and he has already had talks with Tottenham Hotspur and Italy's Verona.



GRAHAM RIX

He could also interest Liverpool who fancy him as a useful replacement for Graeme Souness, now with Sampdoria in Genoa.

It's easy money for Liverpool.

They sold centre-half Dave Watson to Norwich for a paltry \$80,000. But as part of the deal, Norwich agreed to pay an extra \$180,000 if the boy ever played for England.

Watson was selected for England's 2-0 win over Brazil in Rio.

Now Liverpool are sitting back to collect the Norwich bonus.

MONEY FLOWS IN

LIVERPOOL can expect a handy cheque from Norwich of \$180,000 to swell the already full Anfield coffers.

HANDS OFF RUSH!

ITALIAN clubs have still not ended their search for top class players from England.

AC Milan are keen to buy Ian Rush from Liverpool and would not quibble about a staggering fee off \$5,000,000 to get the ace Welsh forward.

But Milan were told by Liverpool: "Don't bother to come here — the player is not for sale."

That's what Liverpool also told Verona and Torino, each of whom wanted Rush for \$3,500,000.

Torino will make yet another attempt to grab Manchester United's Bryan Robson but United are emphatic with their claim that he is not available.

After the expected refusal from Old Trafford, Torino could make smaller bids for either Cyrille Regis or Mark Hateley.

Hateley's club, Portsmouth, would sell him for \$1,800,000. The player, having tasted the glamour of English international honours, says he is anxious to move up to first division football.

RIGHT: IAN RUSH: "not for sale"





NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



ROUND 15

SUNDAY JULY 8

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

BLACKTOWN CITY

v

MARCONI

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA

v

LEICHHARDT

Melita Stadium 3pm

SYDNEY CITY

v

WOLLONGONG CITY

Sydney Ath. Field 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA

v

PENRITH CITY

King Tomislav Park 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

v

CANBERRA ARROWS

Pratten Park 3pm



JOHN KOSMINA (Sydney City)



PETER KATHOLOS (Sydney Olympic)



JIMMY CAMPBELL (Melbourne Croatia)

BRISBANE LIONS

v

ST GEORGE

Richlands 3pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA

v

ADELAIDE CITY

Olympic Park 3pm

PRESTON

v

BRISBANE CITY

Conner Reserve 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

v

GREEN GULLY

Middle Park 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

v

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Chaplin Reserve 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE

v

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm